

Kinnock aims for mortgage tax relief cuts

By Philip Webster, Chief Political Correspondent

Mr Neil Kinnock, the Labour leader, yesterday signalled changes in the system of mortgage tax relief which would involve big cuts in support for home-owners who were deemed not to need the subsidy.

Although he was cautious on detail, Mr Kinnock spoke of the need for a revision of the system to help those families most in need.

In a speech which will ensure that mortgage interest relief becomes a major issue at the next election, he suggested that relief should be tied to income, age and whether people had children or dependent relatives.

The clear implication was that middle-class home-owners, particularly those without families, would be the hardest hit. Mr Kinnock made no mention of means-testing to see whether individuals would qualify for relief, but Conservative MPs who attacked his speech last night said that it would be difficult to achieve a system of variable relief in any other way.

Mr Kinnock's remarks, to the National Housing and Town Planning Council conference in Bournemouth, came as mortgage relief emerged as a controversial

issue within the Conservative Party.

Mr Michael Heseltine, the former Cabinet minister, called for the restriction of mortgage relief to first-time buyers, and said more than £2.5 billion could be saved by ending it for those buying for a second or third time.

The idea was immediately attacked by Mr Robert McCrindle, a senior Conservative backbencher, who said that at a time when the Prince of Wales has attacked builders for scrambling to develop greenfield sites instead of contributing to the community by building on derelict sites in the inner cities.

Government was rightly claiming success in advancing home ownership it would be folly to change direction.

"While we would all like to see the regeneration of the inner cities, attacking the tax privileges of suburbia is not the way to go about it," he said.

Mr Kinnock's speech will have far-reaching political implications. Labour is already committed to restricting mortgage relief to the standard rate of tax, but he made clear that under a Labour government far more significant changes would be considered.

He said the relief system started as a modest and sensible inducement to house purchase, but had now moved out of balance and had lost its relationship both with the original aims and the current needs of the great majority.

In 1975 tax relief amounted to £1.3 billion and by last year it had increased to £4.75 billion, while local authority subsidy had dwindled to less than £500 million. Within the subsidy there had been a shift away from the house-buying majority towards the well-off.

He said: "When those changes take place and do nothing to help those who have paid their mortgages or never taken mortgages, do little to facilitate first-time purchase or ease the burdens of average mortgages on average incomes and do much to push up house prices, there is obviously a need to address the matter to take account of modern conditions."

Mr Kinnock rejected the "wiping out" of reliefs but added: "What is needed is a revision that gives relief to the people and families who need help at a time of their lives, and at levels of family responsibility and of income, when they need it."

"We need somehow to make an equation between level of income, level of payment and levels of obligation that mean young people, people with maximum family responsibilities to children or dependent relatives, and people who experience intermittent falls in income, derive maximum benefit from concessions."

Mr Kinnock made clear that it would not necessarily mean cutting out relief for the well-off.

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Britain to veto £100m EEC aid for Syria

By Robin Oakley, Political Editor

Britain will this week veto the granting of £100 million of European Community aid to Syria in a bid to stir other EEC countries into a drive against Syrian state-sponsored terrorism following the Hindawi case.

Mrs Thatcher and Sir Geoffrey Howe, the Foreign Secretary, are planning a diplomatic offensive over the next ten days, following the lukewarm response to British requests at this week's meeting of Common Market foreign ministers in Luxembourg for concerted action.

British Ministers are seething at Europe's failure to match its fine words with actions after Sir Geoffrey had presented his colleagues with a full dossier on Syria's involvement in the Hindawi affair. Syrian radio has already been crowding at what it calls Britain's defeat in the bid to get tough European action.

Foreign ministers of the twelve EEC countries are due to meet in London on November 10 and Sir Geoffrey hopes to persuade them to ban arms sales to Syria, curb the visits of Syrian delegations, limit the activities of Syrian embassies in EEC states and toughen up security on the operation of Syrian Arab airlines.

Chiming in with Conservative MPs who voiced their fury in the Commons yesterday, the Prime Minister reminded her European counterparts that the European Council had agreed in September 1984 that "if one partner suffers serious terrorist activity involving the abuse of diplomatic immunity the partners will be ready to consider common action in response".

Mr Denis Healey, the Shadow Foreign Secretary,

said that the outcome of the Luxembourg meeting had been quite deplorable, with half the foreign secretaries concerned not bothering to turn up. The Opposition fully supported Sir Geoffrey's actions and the British veto on proposals for EEC aid to Syria.

As Tory MPs called the action of the other foreign ministers craven, timid and pathetically inadequate, Sir Geoffrey said that it was "regrettable" that the French had found it impossible to agree to many of the measures Britain wanted.

He told MPs that his European colleagues had undertaken that no partner would accept any Syrian diplomat expelled from London in connection with the case.

As the sting in the tail of his report, Sir Geoffrey said that the EEC's Mediterranean Financial Protocols, under which Syria is due to receive some £100million over the next five years, expire on Saturday. Renewal requires unanimity. There can be no question of the UK agreeing to further financial assistance for Syria in present circumstances.

MPs were also told that no arrangements have yet been made to aid the 250 Britons working in Syria with the establishment of a British interests section in a friendly embassy in Damascus. Apparently the Syrians are saying that they do not want a Syrian interests section in any London embassy following the expulsion of their ambassador.



The face of deception: Bamber and his girlfriend Julie Mugford at the funeral of his mother, father and sister Sheila Caffell

Thousands in farewell to Machel

From Michael Horsley Maputo

Tens of thousands of Mozambicans and more than 80 foreign delegations paid their last respects yesterday to President Machel, who led Mozambique since 1975 until his death in a plane crash on October 19.

Crowds standing five deep lined the three-mile route from Maputo's city hall, where the President had lain in state since last Friday, to the Square of Heroes on the outskirts of the city, where his remains were placed in a star-shaped marble mausoleum.

The mausoleum also contains the body of Dr Eduardo Mondlane, the first president of Frelimo, Mozambique's political party, who was assassinated in Dar-es-Salaam.

'Warped' Bamber found guilty of murdering family

By Michael Horswell

Jeremy Bamber was yesterday handed five life sentences for the murders of his family last year in a bloody massacre described by the judge as "warped, callous and evil".

The farmer's son, aged 25, remained motionless in the dock as Mr Justice Drake recommended that he serve a minimum of 25 years.

Bamber, who shot dead his adoptive parents, June and Neville, both aged 61, his half-sister Mrs Sheila Caffell, aged 27, and her twin sons, aged six, at White House Farm, their elegant Georgian farmhouse in Essex, will be denied the £436,000 inheritance for which he killed.

A civil hearing is now expected to settle any dispute over the parents' wills but a substantial proportion is expected to go to Bamber's aunt, Mrs Pamela Boulford, who gave evidence against him.

Bamber has already been cut out of the will of his grandmother Mrs Mabel Speakman, aged 89, who took the decision after learning of his arrest. She died earlier this year.

Mr Justice Drake, in passing sentence at Chelmsford Crown Court, told Bamber: "Your conduct in planning and carrying out the killing of five members of your family was evil almost beyond belief. It shows that you, young man though you are, have a warped, callous and evil mind concealed beneath an outwardly presentable and civilized manner."

The judge said that the killing of any one member of his family would have been a terrible crime, especially the murder in cold blood of the twins Nicholas and Daniel as they slept.

He added: "I believe you did so partly out of greed because, although you were well off for your age, you were impatient for more money and possessions. But I believe you also killed out of an arrogance in your character which made you resent any form of parental restriction or criticism of your behaviour."

"I believe that you wanted at once to be the master of your own life as well as to enjoy the inheritance which would have come to you in any event in the fullness of time."

Police admitted after the trial that they were duped by Jeremy Bamber in the initial stages of their inquiry but said they never approached the case with a closed mind and were not now looking for scapegoats.

There will be a review of inquiry procedures following criticism by the judge who said the inquiry was lacking in care and thoroughness.

Det Chief Supt Jim Dickinson said: "We need to ensure things which happened in the Bamber inquiry do not happen again. Any changes needed in procedure will be implemented."

Mr Ronald Stone, deputy chief constable of Essex police, said: "There is no doubt in my mind that the officers who attended White House Farm in the early hours of August 7 last year were faced with a scene which had been carefully planned and prepared to indicate that Mr and Mrs Bamber and the two small boys had been murdered by

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White poppy proposal makes Legion see red

Sir Allan Davis, Lord Mayor of London, yesterday launched the annual Poppy Appeal amid a dispute over proposals by the peace movement to distribute white poppies instead of the Royal British Legion's red ones for Remembrance Sunday next month.

As the appeal was launched at the Honourable Artillery Company in London, the Prime Minister condemned the London-based Peace Pledge Union's plans to swap the traditional red flowers for white poppies.

The spokesman of the "deep distaste" at the proposal, saying: "The Centopop is a national occasion and brings help and comfort to all."

Her comments followed a plea for tolerance from the Right Rev John Baker, Bishop of Salisbury, who said there was "plenty of space for red and white to bloom side by side."

But this suggestion was dismissed by Major Bob Tomlins, general secretary of the Royal British Legion, who said: "White poppies are entirely superfluous and linked to things we don't consider have any place in the matter of remembrance."

Last night the Bishop said he was "deeply distressed" that his comments had been taken as detracting from the "unique" place of the scarlet poppy of Flanders had in all our hearts."

Mr Ted Jobson, chairman of the Poppy Appeal, said: "Remembrance should be a very positive emotion - positive in that the best way to remember and honour the dead is to care for the living."

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Tanzania, in 1969 by unknown assailants and other martyrs of the guerrilla struggle against the Portuguese.

President Machel was eulogised by Mr Marcelino dos Santos, a founder of Frelimo and now the most senior Politburo member, as "a tireless fighter" who fell in the struggle against apartheid.

President Machel and 33 others died when a Tupolev TU-134, returning from a visit to Zambia, suddenly veered into South African territory, hitting a hillside, as it was approaching Maputo.

Banners carried by the crowds lining the streets and outside the city hall were unrestrained. "The Boers killed the best son of the Mozambican people. We will continue the struggle," declared one. "Apartheid

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Market's new system disrupts trading again

By Lawrence Lever

New trading systems at the Stock Exchange, set up for Big Bang, were hit by a second computer failure yesterday.

The breakdown prevented market-makers from advertising prices on screens and forced them to revert to pre-Big Bang methods of dealing.

Moreover, some of Monday's teething problems remained to the annoyance of brokers and market-makers.

The timing of the failure - at 1pm for half an hour - meant that trading was not affected seriously.

The Exchange was quick to point out that yesterday's failure, unlike Monday's breakdown, was not an overloading of the Topic share-price information system.

The Exchange blamed a routine check of the electronic link between the central Topic system and the Topic terminals installed in city institutions' offices.

Market-makers were frustrated by the Exchange's attempts to reduce the pressure on Topic.

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New Cola war looms after £120m deal

The battle-lines have been drawn for a renewed outbreak of the Cola war in Britain with the announcement that the Beecham Group is selling its soft drinks business to Britvic Soft Drinks, owned by B&W, Allied-Lyons and Whitbread, for £120 million.

The new company, Britvic Corona, will take over the Pepsi franchise from the beginning of next year. Britvic Corona will compete with the other big force in the soft drinks industry, a joint venture between Coca-Cola and Cadbury Schweppes.

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Thatcher to stay at least two years

By Philip Webster, Chief Political Correspondent

The Prime Minister intends to stay in office for at least two years if the Conservatives win the next general election.

Mrs Thatcher is letting it be known that she will carry on as leader and ensure her stamp is firmly set on the third consecutive Conservative government.

According to the most authoritative sources, Mrs Thatcher is not yet talking of standing for a fourth election, although that clearly cannot be ruled out.

The conventional wisdom at Westminster since the 1983 election has been that Mrs Thatcher would go for a hat-trick of election victories and then retire soon afterwards to allow a successor to steer the Tories through their next term in government. That expectation had grown because, until now, Mrs Thatcher had never sought to discourage it.

The disclosure of the Prime Minister's intention to "play it long" is a deliberate attempt by her to kill the inevitably growing speculation over who will be her eventual successor.

In an interview last week with the Daily Express, she spoke of going beyond the first two years of the next Parliament, saying: "There is a lot to be done."

But there is evidently a feeling in Downing Street that that message has not yet got home to her MPs and ministers.

Mrs Thatcher wants to avoid the spectacle of ministers vying for the succession, which she believes is not conducive to good government. By making it plain that she intends to stay on for the foreseeable future, she clearly hopes to discourage both the regular questioning by interviewers of her Cabinet members about their leadership intentions, and their readiness to indulge in such speculation.

There is also a strong tactical reason for emphasizing the Prime Minister's determination to carry on. If the suggestion that she was to go shortly after an election were to gain force it would give ammunition to the opposition parties, who would be able to describe her as a "lame duck" prime minister.

But the principal reason behind Mrs Thatcher's decision to let it be known that she is staying on well into the next Parliament is that she simply is not ready to go and wants to take into the 1990s her mission and her vision of a Britain based on popular capitalism.

The Prime Minister's husband, Mr Denis Thatcher, is said to be relaxed about her decision to carry on well into a third term. It is pointed out by close associates that Mrs Thatcher's new property in Dulwich, south London, was not bought primarily with retirement in mind, but because they have been unsettled without their own property after the sale of their former home in Flood Street, Chelsea.

Voice of rugby dies

Mr Eddie Waring, the voice of Rugby League, died yesterday at the age of 76 after a long illness.

In almost 30 years as a commentator he transformed the game from one only vaguely understood outside the northern counties to a popular national entertainment.

He retired as BBC rugby commentator in 1981 and was awarded the MBE in the New Year Honours List of 1982.

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Minister enters Ruskin College lecturer row

By Mark Dowd Education Reporter

In the first public government announcement on the affair of Mr David Selbourne, the former Ruskin College lecturer, Mr George Walden, Under-Secretary of State for Education, told the Commons yesterday that he has invited the college principal, Mr John Hughes, to meet him on Monday to discuss the case.

Mr Walden said that he was not reassured by Mr Hughes's reply to a letter requesting an explanation of events.

Mr Selbourne wrote an article for The Times in March. After student boycotts and censure by Ruskin's governing body, he sought a commitment to academic freedom from Mr Hughes, which was refused. He is now pursuing legal action.

In a separate development, the Association of University Teachers is to be urged this week to assist Mr Selbourne.

In addition to discussing a detailed report on the dispute compiled by association officers during the past two weeks, the national executive committee will consider resolutions passed on Monday by the Birmingham association.

The first calls for a statement of the union's position

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on academic freedom in light of the Selbourne case, in particular the role played by Mr John Akker, its deputy general secretary, who was at the meeting on June 27 when Ruskin passed its motion of censure.

The second calls on the national executive, providing Mr Selbourne withdraws his resignation, to "authorize an offer of assistance in pursuit of his claim that the college authorities are unwilling to guarantee his academic freedom."

It is understood that Mr Selbourne is willing to comply with that prerequisite.

The sponsor of the resolutions, Mr Geoffrey Ostergaard, a senior lecturer in political science at Birmingham University, said yesterday that they were designed to put pressure on the national executive to come clean and take a stand.

Evidence of further rank and file dissatisfaction with the low-key approach taken by the association nationally is reflected by additional motions on the Selbourne affair expected to be discussed today by members in Cardiff.

The case appears likely to become a central issue at the meeting of the association's national council in December.

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Foreign ministers' anti-terror talks come under fire

The outcome of the meeting of the Foreign Affairs Council in Luxembourg yesterday was... Mr Denis Healey, Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs...

FOREIGN AFFAIRS

Finally, Syria was one of the countries for which the Community's Mediterranean Financial Protocols expired next Saturday. Renewal required unanimity...

should not allow commercial or political national interests to impede concerted action on terrorism because the British Government had some precision...



Mr Healey, who put pressure on Sir Geoffrey Howe.



Mr Neil Kinnock, the Labour leader, was fighting off influenza today when he addressed the National Housing and Town Planning conference in Bournemouth.

Shortage of maths teachers 'a worry'

EDUCATION

The Government is concerned at the shortage of teachers of mathematics, science and craft design and technology...

COMMENTARY



Geoffrey Smith

The Westland debate today ought to be one of the great parliamentary occasions. This may well be the last major opportunity for the House of Commons to examine an episode of public policy...

Ruskin's head is called in

Mr John Hughes, the Principal of Ruskin College, Oxford, has been called to see Mr George Waldean, Under-Secretary of State for Education and Science...

University cash decision soon

An announcement about university funding would be made soon, Mr Kenneth Baker, Secretary of State for Education and Science, said during Commons questions today...

Labour continues BBC libel case questions

Labour MPs now believed it quite likely that Conservative Central Office had been involved in a conspiracy...

Spending on books 'a priority'

The Government needed no convincing that spending on school books was a priority, Mrs Angela Rumbold, Minister of State for Education and Science, said during Commons questions...

Neglect of schools is condemned

The poor physical state of many school buildings had not suddenly occurred over the past 10 days but had sprung from 20 years of neglect...

Westminster cancer tests

The Administration Committee of the House were considering the possibility of an ad hoc on-site cervical cancer screening in the Palace of Westminster...

Parliament today

Commons (2.30): Debate on Westland. Lords (2.30): Housing (Scotland) Bill, Commons amendments, Public Order Bill, third reading.

BACK SUFFERERS! The relief you've been waiting for. AS SEEN ON T.V. WRONG: A sagging bed or a hard bed can aggravate back pain. RIGHT: The OBAS bed gives correct support for each partner, helping to bring tension and relief from pain.

New twist to Cabinet split over education

The Cabinet split over teachers' pay took a new twist yesterday, with the Department of Education reacting angrily to reports that the Government is thinking of legislating to impose a new package covering salaries and conditions on the profession...

London students paying £50 for poor bed-sits

Students in London are paying up to £50 a week for substandard bed-sits with shared washing and lavatory facilities, MPs were told yesterday...

Brittan took responsibility

Mr Brittan honourably took responsibility for the actions of his civil servants when he resigned. Mrs Thatcher has never directly and fully answered the charge...

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M25 motorway Last section of £1bn ring road opens 11 years after go-ahead

By Rodney Cowton, Transport Correspondent

The Prime Minister will today open the final stretch of the M25 linking the M1 to the A1. London will thus gain a purpose-built ring road more than 80 years after it was first recommended by a royal commission.

Those who do a celebration circuit of the motorway in the next few days should see it at its best, for yesterday it was reported to be free of all roadworks, apart from one lane closure near South Mimms, which should be open again today.

The M25 emerged from long controversies in the 1960s and 1970s, which envisaged London having up to three or even four concentric circles of ring roads, and today it remains the most controversial road in the country.

It was Dr John Gilbert in 1975, Minister of Transport in the Labour government, who finally ended the controversies about the number of roads, by ruling that there should be a single motorway around London, between 20 and 30 kilometres out from Charing Cross.

Eleven years later the M25 has emerged, 117 miles of it forming the longest urban ring road in the world, and built at a cost of almost £1 billion.

Yet it remains controversial although it is already a boon for much traffic, offering routes to the west and east of London and to the Channel ports.

Hundreds of thousands of trees and shrubs have been planted and vast quantities of earth moved to ensure that it causes as little as possible of the Green Belt through which much of it runs.

A widespread attitude is summed up by Mr Garry Turvey, director-general of the Freight Transport Association, who said the completion of the motorway was an historic day for British transport, and one for which they had waited 40 years.

But, he said, the M25 would have been better able to cope with the traffic flows of the 1960s than of the late 1980s. Nevertheless, it was £1 billion well spent.

The fundamental criticism is that traffic volumes in some areas are already putting pressure on the M25. Critics point to six sections where official statistics show that in June traffic amounted to more than 90,000 vehicles a day, reaching up to 114,000 between the M3 and Heathrow.

These criticisms have already been partially acknowledged by the Department of Transport with its decision to upgrade sections south of Heathrow where provision had been made in the original construction to make it easy to add a fourth lane.

At the Dartford Tunnel the number of toll booths has been doubled from 12 to 24 to cope with demand.

The Department of Transport is, however, very firm in saying that there is no evidence that the road as a whole has too little capacity. The statistics show that on 12 out of 28 sections vehicle flows are between 50,000 and 70,000 a day.

What appears to have happened is that there was a failure to recognize how much traffic the M25 would itself generate, and how much people would use it for local journeys, travelling a short distance along the M25 rather than using minor roads.

That, ministers say, merely means that it is a victim of its success.



Mrs Edwina Currie, Under Secretary of State for Health, inspects a line-up of nurses from the past at the Imperial War Museum in London yesterday. Members of the Queen Alexandra's Royal Army Nursing Corps modelled uniforms from the Boer War to the present to mark the publication of *The Maturing Sun* by Angela Bolton, an account of her service with the corps in India during the Second World War. (Photograph: Peter Trievnor)

Marks on Tyra were not checked

Social workers failed to check if marks on Tyra Henry's body, seen 18 months before she was killed by her father, were bruises or birthmarks, an inquiry into her death was told yesterday.

Miss Elizabeth Lawson, counsel for the inquiry panel, said that Mrs Ayon Palethorpe, a Lambeth social worker, reported that a mark on the child's bottom "looked like a bruise".

Tyra, aged 21 months, was beaten to death in September 1984 by Andrew Neil, aged 22, of Bonham Road, Brixton, south London, who is serving life for murder.

Mrs Palethorpe reported the marks to a case conference in January 1983 but there was no record of any birthmarks when the child was born. Miss Lawson said: "There is nothing to suggest that the discrepancy was followed up."

Miss Lawson said that Mrs Palethorpe stopped visits to the child's home seven months before the girl was killed and the social services department did not monitor contact between the child and Neil.

Miss Lawson said that from February 1984, the arrangement was that Tyra would visit the social worker's office with her mother by appointment. The hearing was adjourned until today.

Decaying barns spoil beauty of landscapes

By John Young

National Park authorities are concerned that thousands of traditional buildings, which form part of the character and appearance of the parks, are falling into decay because of lack of funds for their maintenance.

Parks Today, published by the Countryside Commission, which points out that there are, for example, more than 3,000 stone barns scattered across the Yorkshire Dales, which have become redundant as a result of changes in farming methods.

The issue is highlighted in the latest issue of *National Parks Today*, published by the Countryside Commission, which points out that there are, for example, more than 3,000 stone barns scattered across the Yorkshire Dales, which have become redundant as a result of changes in farming methods.

At present the park authorities spend less than 10 per cent of their budget on buildings, and are seeking additional government funds.

Professor John Tarn, chairman of the Peak National Park planning control committee, said: "A landscape with ruined buildings, wrecked by ignorance or lack of imaginative re-use, would be a sad legacy from this generation."

Charity head in expenses dispute

A three-year power struggle within War on Want, an international aid charity with links to the Labour Party, has surfaced with allegations about the expenses claimed by its successful and conspicuous director.

Mr George Galloway, the prospective Labour candidate for the marginal seat of Glasgow Hillhead, presently held for the SDP by Mr Roy Jenkins, has increased War on Want's income sevenfold since he was appointed its head in 1983.

But his assertive style and forcing through of drastic changes in management have caused a rift within the radical charity, which formerly had an egalitarian structure whereby all tasks were shared between the staff.

Now some members of the charity's management council have asked for the audit of its 1985-86 accounts to be extended for closer scrutiny of Mr Galloway's travel and entertaining expenses, understood to come to £21,000.

Mr Galloway, aged 32, who in three years has taken War on Want from 64th to 21st in the list of British charities in terms of income, yesterday

angrily refuted the allegations, calling them "scurrilous and reprehensible."

He was due to confront his accusers last night at a meeting of the charity's management council.

Mr Galloway said he denied that he deliberately sought out top hotels, saying: "The hotels I stay at in the Third World are already full of aid officials and journalists. The reason is that both they and I need to be in a hotel where one is in contact with the world outside, by phone and telex."

He said that during the 18-month period under review he had visited 15 countries including India, Pakistan, Bangladesh, Israel, Nicaragua, Costa Rica and Thailand.

He denied that his American Express card had been withdrawn by the charity. "All credit cards are not being used for the duration of the audit," he said.

Mr Galloway said of the audit: "I am completely confident that I will be vindicated by it."

War on Want was founded in 1951 by publisher Victor Gollancz and Mr Harold Wilson, now Lord Wilson of Rievaulx.

'I killed lover's husband'

Kenneth Marchant yesterday told a jury at Bristol Crown Court how he killed his lover's estranged husband, but claimed it was self-defence.

Mr Marchant, aged 35, is accused of murdering David Parnell and burying him in a concrete coffin in the back garden.

He said that his lover, Mrs Sheila Parnell, stopped him surrendering to police.

Mr Marchant told how he went to the house in Elm Tree Avenue, Mangotsfield, Bristol, which he shared with Mrs Parnell, to find her arguing with her husband.

He said: "As I opened the kitchen door Mr Parnell got up and went for Sheila - he grabbed her arm. I pulled him away."

"I asked Sheila what was going on but she said, 'Watch out' and when I turned round, David was on me. He hit me on the side of the head."

Mr Marchant said he remembered falling on to the table, and the next thing he knew he was kneeling beside Mr Parnell's body with a hammer near by.

He said: "I have no recollection of taking up the hammer or of striking blows on Mr Parnell but I accept I must have done. I thought David was going to kill me when I saw him going to Sheila."

The trial continues today.

Student 'a ruthless murderer'

A student who claimed to have comforted a woman as she lay dying from more than fifty stab wounds in a car park went on trial yesterday accused of her murder.

Hereford Crown Court was told that the killing of Mrs Carol Martin was "ruthless, bloody and ferocious" and that the man responsible had tried to hide his deed by posing as a good samaritan.

Stuart Hopkins, aged 19, of Rush Lane, Church Hill, Redditch, Worcestershire, denied murdering Mrs Martin, aged 38, in February as she returned to her car in Kingfisher shopping centre.

Mr Anthony Palmer QC, for the prosecution, said that the arrival of a couple driving out of the car park prevented Mr Hopkins from escaping.

"He went through an elaborate charade of pretending to be a good samaritan who had come across the injured woman and was comforting her as she lay dying."

One of the defendant's fingerprints was discovered on the blade of the murder weapon found in a culvert outside the car park, but he told police he had found the knife at the scene, handled it without thinking and thrown it away in panic, Mr Palmer said.

The case was adjourned until today.

Video Lisa poised to be shoppers' adviser

By Keith Hindley

Computer-linked video display units are about to take over from roving sales assistants in providing directions and information in high street stores.

Littlewoods, the store, mail order and pools organization, yesterday launched Lisa (Littlewoods Instant Shopping Adviser), which can provide instant information on a store's goods.

Lisa is to be tested at department stores in Cardiff, Luton and Aberdeen before being used throughout Britain next spring. Customers will choose the items they are seeking on a keyboard and obtain printed details on the spot.

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Health courts proposal finds no favour with family doctors

By Jill Sherman

Family doctors and dentists have criticized government proposals to formalize patient complaints procedures by introducing legal processes and professional advocacy.

In its consultative document on complaints investigation procedures the Government proposes that service committees made up of laymen and professionals who now process complaints, should be given legal powers to summon witnesses and examine documents.

It also proposes changing existing regulations so that paid advocates could represent complainants and respondents, or patients could be represented by a representative of the local community health council.

But at the fifth consultative meeting on primary health care at the DHSS yesterday doctors, dentists and family practitioner committees rejected the proposals for legal trappings which they said amount to a quasi-judicial system.

The Society of Family Practitioner Committees favoured the retention of the present informal procedure and said advice could be provided by either members or officers. The British Dental Association, also giving evidence, claimed that the introduction of articulate skilled advocates

Final wish of lover took home away

Horace Snell's parting gift to the elderly mistress who brought happiness to his final years was an order to get out of the home they shared.

And yesterday the mistress, Mrs Charlotte Kell, aged 73, who challenged the clause in her lover's will was also handed with a £10,000 bill for legal costs.

Sir John Arnold, president of the High Court Family Division, made the costs order because Mrs Kell had reluctantly abandoned her court action.

He could offer her only sympathy because "like so many other people she was unable to sustain the trauma of litigation". But the "melancholy situation" should not be financed by Mr Snell's three daughters who had fought the case, the judge said.

The will of Mr Snell, who died in 1983 aged 75, gave Mrs Kell permission to stay on at the home they shared in Darlington Gardens, Southampton, Hampshire, for just six months after his death and then take "as much furniture as she reasonably needed to set up home".

She launched the court action to ask for more, Sir John said. But after opposition from Mr Snell's daughters, Mrs Barbara Sturges, of Abbey Hill Close, Winchester; Mrs Elizabeth Gibson, of Caring Lane, Maidstone, Kent, and Mrs Kathleen Limonta, who lives in Italy, Mrs Kell abandoned her claim.

She finally moved out and now lives at Merry Oak Road, Bitterae, Southampton.



Mr John Pletts and his wife, Margaret, watch their daughter, Margaret, aged five, and son, Adam, aged eight, test drive miniature MG TCs at Barnard Castle, Co Durham.

Satellites paying their way

By Keith Hindley

Satellites and spacecraft are daily providing vital evidence about the weather, mineral deposits, farming, ocean currents and even secret military bases, according to Dr John Houghton, of the Meteorological Office in Bracknell, Berkshire.

Speaking last night at the Royal Society in London, Dr Houghton said that scanning the earth from space would be an important growth area in the next decade.

A quarter of a century after the launch of the first weather

satellite, accurate forecasts were now routine worldwide thanks to photographs taken by spacecraft. Meteorology was the first subject where the cost of satellites could be justified by the benefits they provided.

By recording images in carefully chosen colours, or by combining several different colours, scientists could focus on a particular aspect of the landscape.

All this information would remain gobbledegook without the equipment to process it.

Dr Houghton said. The British National Space Centre recently took charge of the National Remote Sensing Centre at Farnborough in Hampshire and planned to develop ways of analysing raw data to provide valuable results for companies and governments.

"One thing is clear," he said, "With 100 British companies already using satellite images, the potential value of remote sensing data now fully justifies further spending on satellites."

MGs roar again in miniature

By Ian Smith

The roar of the MG TC suggests tearing through country lanes at breakneck speed, wind tagging at the hair. But now, a model-alcitrant maker has turned that nostalgia for the 1940s into 1986 reality.

Mr John Pletts has produced a replica of the original open-top sports car which looks and sounds exactly like its famous predecessor; except the updated version is only half the size and costs nearly 10 times as much.

Ulster Fry takes a battering on health

By Richard Ford

The national dish of Northern Ireland took a pounding yesterday and a campaign was launched to improve the health of the province's population and reduce the record numbers dying from heart attacks.

The Ulster Fry, known as a "heart attack on a plate", was described as a "killer" by professors who disclosed that the province and Scotland topped the world league for the number of deaths from heart attacks.

Professor Geoffrey Rose, of the London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine, urged people to reduce their intake of animal fats by 25 per cent, eat more cereals, vegetables, and fruits, take less salt, stop smoking and do more exercise as a way of reducing the risk of heart disease.

The Ulster Fry - bacon, egg, tomato, sausage, potato and soda bread - is a popular item in the diet of many people in the province.

Six thousand people a year die from heart attacks there and a further 2,000 from strokes, accounting for 50 per cent of all deaths annually in Ulster.

Professor Rose said of the fry: "It would make me feel a bit sick first thing in the morning. It is that kind of food I no longer have any desire for. It is a killer and has got to go."

He criticized central government for continuing to support tobacco promotion and milk subsidy and for reducing school meals, as they made it more difficult to change people's habits.

He added that it was only through growing public awareness and support for healthier eating habits that government ministers would become more concerned with the problem.

The Government is spending £200,000 to launch the "Change of Heart" campaign, which it hopes will persuade the province to improve its eating and exercising habits and show more concern for health.

Mr Tom King, Secretary of State for Northern Ireland, said: "Northern Ireland has almost the worst record in the world for early death from heart disease and it is one record we are determined to lose."

"It is a major challenge to every person in the province as we have a very poor record of mortality."

Cancer grant

Mr Mark Robinson, Under Secretary of State for Wales, yesterday announced the allocation of £400,000 a year for cervical cancer screening in Wales. Most of the money will be spent on equipment.

School governors: 3

No easy route to a true partnership

In a final article on the new Education Act, Mark Dowd, Education Reporter, looks ahead to some of the possible difficulties in implementing the new legislation affecting the way in which schools are governed.

It is all very well to make provision for increased numbers of parent governors, but the sceptics say, what happens if insufficient numbers come forward to fill the vacancies? Some schools find it impossible to fill even one parent governor's position - a difficulty which frequently results in the head teacher calling on a parent of his choice to plug the gap.

Clearly the onus is on the local education authority and the school to engage in a hard sell promoting the attractions of this civic responsibility. This will require an end to the fargon surrounding the description of the governing body's tasks and duties.

The impression of the parent governor's role which probably still occupies most parents' minds is that they are there to comment upon the routine aspects of school life: medals for the school sports gala, the state of the school lavatories and the dangers of allowing dogs in the playground.

If candidates are to come rushing forward, this is a notion that has to be firmly laid to rest.

However, if the new law is heralding the inexorable rise of real parent power, it will inevitably provoke jealousies and suspicions among those who have so far had things largely their own way.

Many teachers note that the original Bill, introduced while the industrial dispute was still raging, does nothing to increase their representation on governing bodies. So much for the talk of partnership, they say.

Indeed, if governing bodies are to lay greater claims than ever before to be representative of local opinion, it may put them on a collision course with local authorities.

An example is the recent case of Newnham Croft Pri-

mary School in Cambridge. Erected in 1915, the school is unmodernized, with prefabs comprising 60 per cent of the property. After a concerted campaign by the school governors, Cambridge County Council finally agreed in November 1985 to replace its dilapidated buildings.

However, members of the governing body are far from overjoyed, as the council is planning to sell off the old school site and build a replacement on part of the present playing area - an alternative which the governors say will be cramped and noisy.

Mrs Jean Glasberg, chairman of the governing body's local education committee of by-passing them and refusing to consider their opinions on the issue.

Mrs Eleanor Jones, who has been a school governor for six years, says she is sure the council did not even consider the governing body's working paper, which recommended renovation of the school on the existing site.

She thinks the council is as motivated by the prospect of the cash that will come in from the sale of the land as by educational priorities.

"What is the point of having governors if they will not even listen to us?" she asks.

The most noteworthy aspect of the affair is that 10 of the 13 governors are parents - a considerable departure from the norm. Many of them came forward and were subsequently nominated by political parties on the local council.

Although it is hard to see this pattern being repeated nationally, this little cameo offers an insight into what may happen in some regions as a result of the new legislation: it promises to be a fascinating and painful development.

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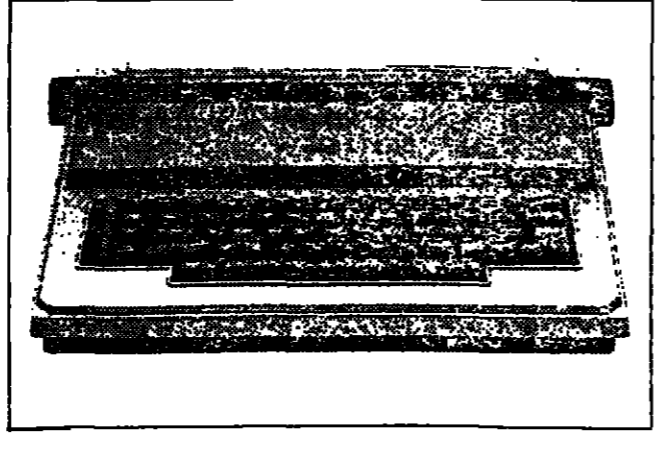
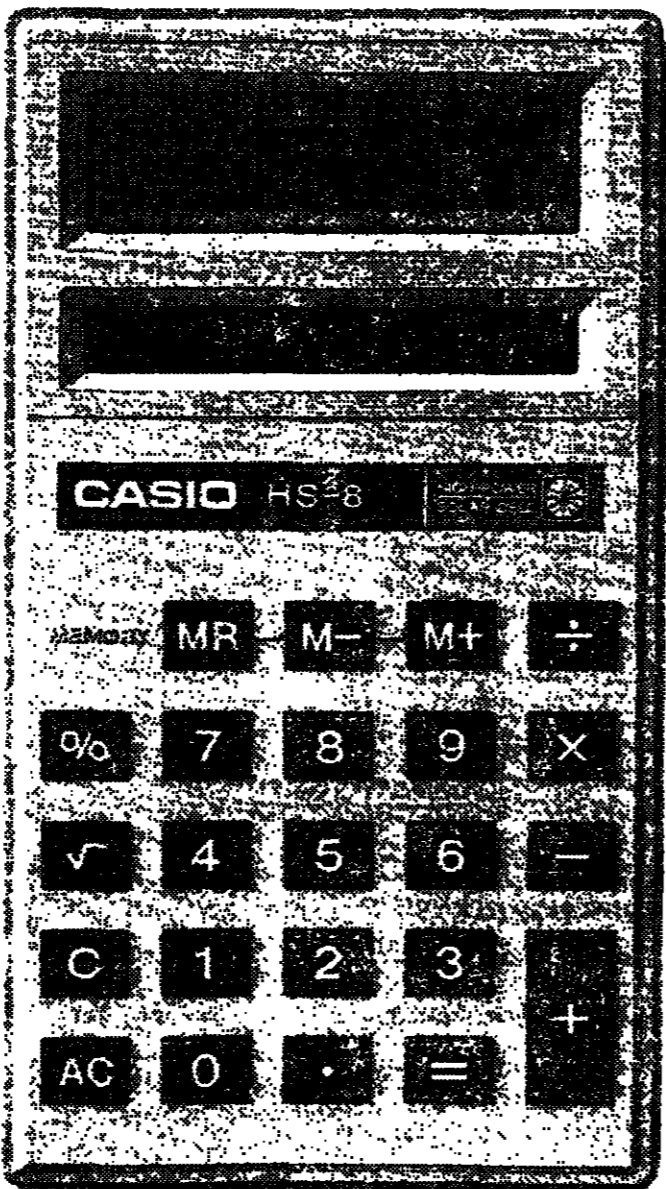
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WORLD SUMMARY

Syrian soldiers in Shia kidnap

Beirut - Four Syrian Army soldiers were reported kidnapped in Lebanon yesterday by Shia Muslim guerrillas of the radical Hezbollah, or Party of God (Jean Carlos Gannacio writes).

Cologne Jews are released

Bonn - A bomb explosion at the headquarters of Lufthansa in Cologne, which damaged some offices but caused no injuries, was later claimed by the Revolutionary Cells terrorist group (John England writes).

Iraq POW offer

Baghdad (Reuters) - Iraq has proposed an overall exchange of prisoners of war with Iran, arranged by the International Committee of the Red Cross and the United Nations, the Foreign Minister, Mr Tariq Aziz, said.

Whaling finale Envoy to leave

Yokohama (AFP) - Japan's last factory ship has left here on its final Antarctic whaling hunt. The 23,000-ton whaler, the Taiyuan, is the last of a fleet of 19 whaling ships that were built in the 1950s and 1960s.

Teacher accused

Munich (Reuters) - Herr Wolfgang Kraetzl, aged 55, a Munich teacher is accused of shooting dead one youth and wounding another as they tried to break into a car, will face charges of manslaughter and attempted murder, justice officials said.

Defector calls on West to isolate Mengistu

Mr Goshu: Disillusionment with Addis Ababa policies. The famine victims, Mr Dawit called on the US and other governments to issue a forthright condemnation of the Mengistu dictatorship. "The West is trying to read between the lines of certain government statements. But in current Ethiopian politics there are no messages between the lines," he said.

Whitehall under fire for 'arrogance' EEC snub on Syria angers Britain

From Richard Owen Brussels As EEC officials digested the implications yesterday of Europe's refusal to back Britain over sanctions against Syria, there was criticism of "arrogant" British behaviour, matched on the British side by anger at the lack of anything much except moral support and sympathy from its partners.

The only agreed moves are the blacklisting of Syrian diplomats expelled from London and the presentation to Damascus of British evidence of Syrian involvement in terrorism. EEC diplomats complained that Britain had acted "either arrogantly or naively" in trying to put pressure on its EEC partners at a meeting from which six out of 12 foreign ministers were absent.

Some EEC states will support Britain's demand for a freeze on EEC aid to Syria as well as an arms embargo, a ban on high-level exchanges and surveillance of Syrian diplomats and airline officials. Sources said Britain and other states would try to persuade Greece over the next two weeks that previous EEC declarations on terrorism - to which Mr Pangalos subscribed on Monday - enshrined principles which must be applied to Syria as they were earlier applied to Libya.

Setback in Greek-US links likely

Both Mr Leo Tindemans, the Belgian Foreign Minister, and Mr Hans van den Broek, the Dutch, Belgian and other officials said there was still hope that the EEC would adopt some of the measures Sir Geoffrey Howe tried unsuccessfully to have adopted at Luxembourg on Monday. The next opportunity will be the foreign ministers' meeting in London on November 10, by which time the Europeans will have been able to digest the evidence gathered by Britain of Syrian government complicity in terrorism.

UK defeat claim by Damascus

Syria claimed yesterday that Britain had suffered a damaging vote of no-confidence from the EEC countries when they failed to discipline Damascus. "European public opinion refused to be dragged behind the falsehoods of the British government at the Luxembourg meeting," Damascus radio announced.



The Syrian Ambassador, Dr Loulouf Allah Haydar, leaves his embassy after supervising packing operations.

Mitterrand denies arms deal and hints at shift on terror

France finds itself in a particularly embarrassing situation over the Hindawi affair. While it would like to show solidarity with Britain, it fears it cannot risk taking too firm a stand against Damascus at a time when it needs Syrian support to prevent a new outbreak of terrorist violence in France, in securing the release of French hostages in Beirut, and in ensuring the security of French forces serving with the UN peacekeeping force in southern Lebanon.

Hence the somewhat ambiguous and even discordant comments of various French leaders over the past few days. The Government, which secretly is convinced that the Syrians were behind the wave of bombings in Paris last month, has alternately blown hot and cold toward Damascus in its attempts to stop the violence. It is at present in the middle of a warm phase.

After France's seemingly rather negative attitude toward Britain's request for support over the Hindawi affair at Luxembourg on Monday, President Mitterrand offered hope yesterday of a more positive French stance when he called for "complete firmness and solidarity" toward terrorism.

US to push for nuclear cutbacks at Geneva

President Reagan has instructed US negotiators in Geneva to propose a 50 per cent cut in superpower nuclear weapons in five years and to seek the elimination of all intermediate-range weapons in Europe. The proposals also set the goal of eliminating all ballistic nuclear missiles - those that leave the atmosphere during flight - in 10 years.

The proposal for eliminating all ballistic missiles within 10 years came after intense argument within the Administration. The Joint Chiefs of Staff are believed to have expressed some concern about the military implications of both superpowers abandoning ballistic nuclear missiles, a concern reflected during private consultations with Britain and West Germany.

US officials say a meeting has been tentatively set for November 6 in Vienna between Mr George Shultz, the US Secretary of State, and Mr Eduard Shevardnadze, the Soviet Foreign Minister. Both will be attending a review meeting of the 1975 Helsinki agreement on European security. Their talks, which will last for two days, will assess developments since the Iceland summit. A series of US-Soviet meetings is now under way on a range of bilateral issues. Talks began in Washington on Monday on civilian space co-operation.



John Curry Wins the Men's European Figure Skating Championships

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Leaders of Egyptian railmen freed Government too scared to try strikers

From Robert Fisk Cairo Almost four months after they were imprisoned for inciting an unprecedented and chaotic strike on the country's railway system, 37 Egyptian engine drivers, guards and other staff have been quietly released by a Government that seems too frightened to put them on trial. It took the Cairo opposition paper Al-Ahram to reveal this week that the men, who had been accused of fomenting the stoppage throughout the country's railway system, had been freed without bail from their "temporary prison" and that no date had been set for a future court hearing.

He is in a filthy street not far from Mr el-Morsy's office. Inside, the rare visitors can find preserved the Khedive Ismail's personal train, still in its golden livery. A steam locomotive footplate still displays the worn brass plaques of its Victorian makers. "Engine No 1285," says one, "Robert Stephenson & Co, Newcastle-on-Tyne, 1862." There is a Victorian British as well as an Ottoman tradition behind the Egyptian railways, which meant that the strike and its aftermath came as a profound shock to the Government. Thousands of railwaymen originally took part, walking off the footplate of their locomotives in Ramses Street, Giza and most of the big stations between Cairo, Assuan and Alexandria.

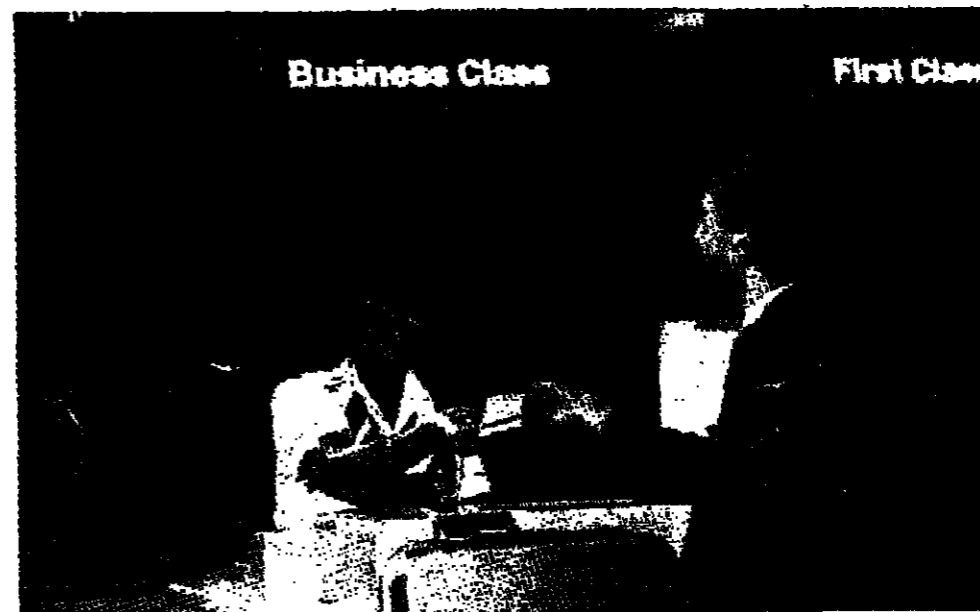
Mr Mohamed el-Morsy, the chairman of Egyptian state railways, is himself a former staff worker - he was a steam locomotive boiler engineer in the Abu Zabal workshops when he started on the railways 30 years ago - and believes firmly in the traditions of timekeeping on his trains.

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Poland calls for more aid from West to survive burden of debt

Poland, admitting that it was falling behind on its debt repayments, yesterday called on its Western creditors to inject new cash into the country's languid economy.

The Finance Minister, Mr Bazyli Samojlik, in a rare meeting with foreign journalists, outlined some of the problems of servicing Poland's huge \$31.3 billion (£21.5 billion) debt with the West.

Last year, he said, Poland allocated some 30 per cent of its export revenues to servicing its hard-currency debt and would devote about the same amount this year.

About \$2 billion will be earmarked for paying the interest due on the 1986 debt and on paying back outstanding interest from 1982 to 1984.

Poland cannot generate enough economic growth and boost export revenues quickly enough to catch up with its debt payments. Although the overall debt figure will, according to Western estimates, peak in 1989-90 at about the \$32 billion mark,

From Roger Boyes, Warsaw

interest payments will continually squeeze the economy.

Mr Samojlik conceded that a growth in exports to the West of 7 per cent and overall economic growth of 5 per cent — the level needed to meet all the interest payments to the West — was unrealistic. The current plan for next year anticipates a maximum growth of 3.5 per cent.

Exports will increase only slightly and Poland will not be able to batter down imports for much longer. It seems clear that Poland has abandoned its target, set early last year, of finding by 1990 \$3.6 billion for interest repayments.

So Western creditors will have to wait, although, as usual, Poland has settled quickly with commercial banks.

"We are not getting credit support from our creditors," said Mr Samojlik. "We need to work hand in hand with them."

Evidently new credits from Western governments would make it easier for Poland to

pay back its debts and improve export performance, the minister said.

There appears to be no early prospect of major loans from the International Monetary Fund or the World Bank, which has a team in Warsaw presently assessing Poland's potential for participating in joint projects. The earliest chances of credits would appear to be the summer of next year when the fiscal year of 1988 begins.

The Polish government is already thinking in terms of IMF-style austerity programmes. This will entail yet more price rises.

The aim, said the Finance Minister, is to bring domestic and world prices into line and radically cut subsidies by 1990.

For the Polish consumer this will mean, above all, increases in fuel and energy costs. The average rise in prices next year should be just over 9 per cent but anticipated increases in alcohol and tobacco prices will push this up to around 14 per cent.

Warsaw new-deal talks stall

From Our Own Correspondent, Warsaw

Secret talks between the Polish authorities and independent Catholic advisers, sketching out ways of opening up new lines of communication between leaders and those led, appear to have reached a stalemate.

After a recent session a Government negotiator raised his hands in mock protest and asked: "Well, what else are you asking of us? You want this thing as much as we do." This "thing", the subject of the confidential discussions, is a social-consultative council.

Theoretically the Government is willing to allow some of its most bitter critics — though not Mr Lech Walesa, or any of the Solidarity leaders — to sit at a table with the authorities and influence official policies.

Somehow Poles have to be given a way of letting off steam without reviving Solidarity. There is also a need to avoid arresting political offenders because that would negate the propaganda value of the summer's amnesty.

Last week the Polish Parliament approved a Bill extending the powers of magistrates courts which can now try — and sentence to up to three months' jail — Solidarity activists.

All sides agree that talk is preferable to jail and so far nobody has been re-arrested since the summer amnesty involving 225 political prisoners. Yet talking, as the Catholic advisers are discovering, is not so simple.

Among those who accept that there is need for dialogue there are those who want only to talk if the workers are represented, those who want to find out more before becoming involved and a small minority who think that talk on any terms is better than the present paralysis.

The latest round of negotiations is being led by Mr Kazimierz Barcikowski, a veteran party man and close ally of General Jaruzelski, and Mr Stanislaw Ciosek, a former trade union minister.

Their Catholic counterparts

include a former Solidarity adviser, Dr Krzysztof Silweński, Mr Andrzej Wielewiewski and Mr Jerzy Trowicz, editor of *Tygodnik Powszechny*, the Catholic weekly, and a confidant of the Pope.

An abiding problem is that the Church does not want to be seen to be on the Communist Party, nor does it want to be explicitly mixed up in politics.

That means the Government has to define more closely what it has in mind: will the council be able to initiate legislation? Will it be able to publish its criticisms? What exactly do the authorities mean by consultation?

The main point, say Catholic advisers, is to make sure that the councils are not a sham and to ensure that Solidarity is not betrayed.

Mr Walesa said yesterday that Solidarity need not participate directly in such a council providing that there was an overall programme agreed between the Catholic participants and the union.

Explosive not ruled out in Thai jet blast

Tokyo (Reuters) — A mid-air blast on board a Thai International Airbus, which injured 62 people and forced an emergency landing last Sunday, may have been caused by faulty gas cylinders, but explosives have not been ruled out, a Transport Ministry official said yesterday.

A ministry investigating team found numerous tiny holes in the plane's pressure bulkhead, possibly caused by metal shards hitting it with great force, reported a team spokesman, Mr Hiroshi Fujiwara. He said the holes could have been caused by exploding gas cylinders, such as fire extinguishers, but he did not rule out the possibility of explosives.

"We have asked the police to check for powder burns," he said. "In the absence of a chemical reaction suggesting explosives, it might still be possible that an explosion of some kind took place."

"We could think of a number of cylinders containing pressurized gases of various types that are located on the aircraft (that might have exploded)..." An initial investigation of the aircraft uncovered no sign of explosives, police said.

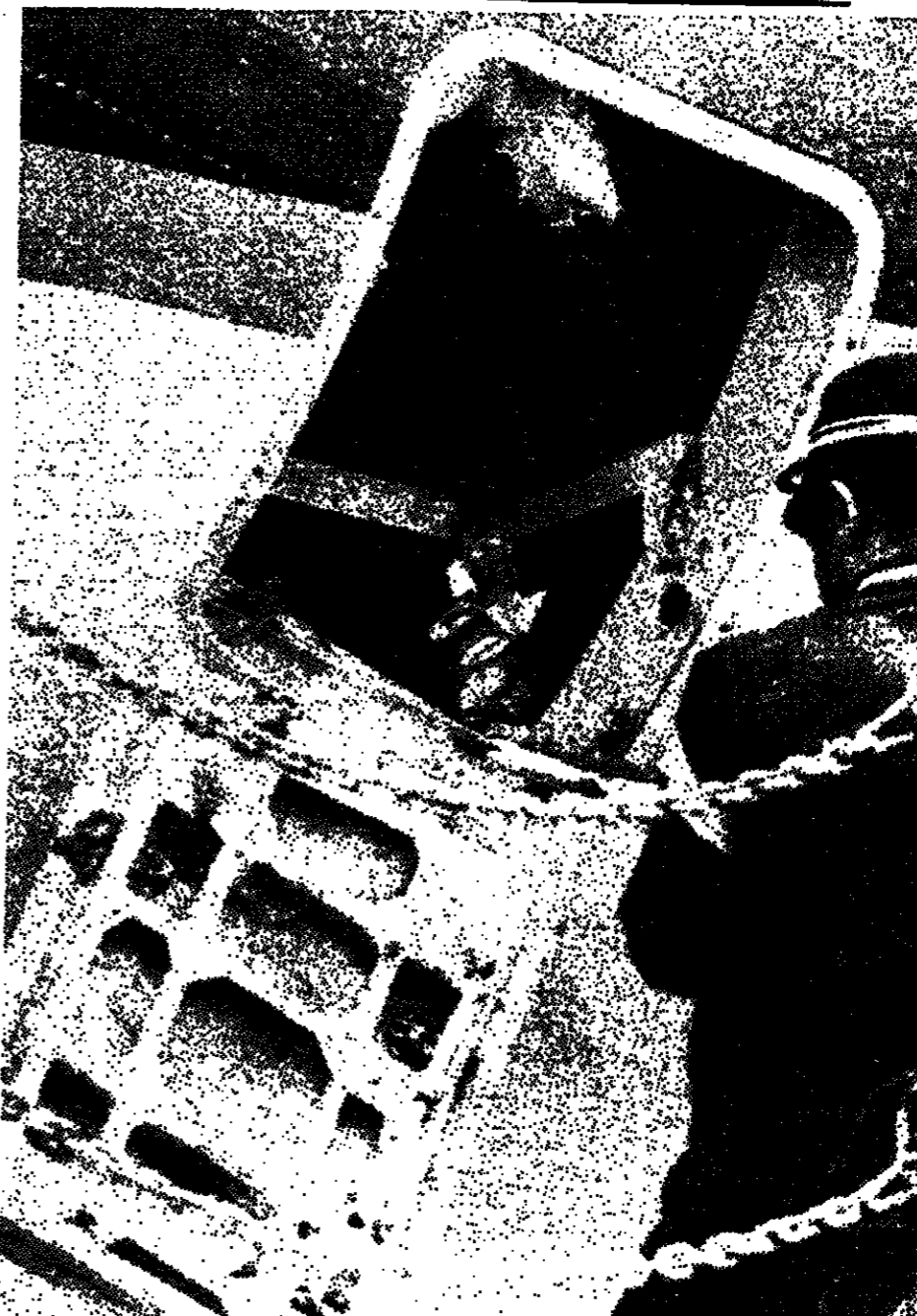
Mr Fujiwara said the bulkhead and the wall of an adjacent toilet were riddled with holes up to 10 millimetres in diameter. The bulkhead is an aluminium-faced, umbrella-shaped barrier separating the passenger cabin from the unpressurized tail section.

He said several larger holes were punched through the fuselage and were visible on the outer surface of the plane's left side. A fissure was discovered in the left wing.

Kyodo News Agency reported that members of the investigation team said they suspected there had been an explosion in the toilet area, partly because one stewardess told them she was hit in the chest by metal shards as she walked towards the jet's rear.

The investigators reasoned that, if the bulkhead had spontaneously ruptured, the loss of pressure would have sucked any loose material into the tail section. Kyodo reported. The incident occurred about 20 minutes before the plane landed at Osaka in western Japan on a scheduled flight from Bangkok and Manila with 246 people on board.

Hatch that saved lives



A police investigator examines an inspection hatch near the rear pressure bulkhead of the crippled Thai International Airways A 300 Airbus after its emergency landing.

Bombs hit military sites in San Juan

San Juan (Reuters) — Bombs exploded at three US military sites in Puerto Rico yesterday, one day after a published report that the Pentagon may train Nicaraguan Contras in Puerto Rico.

Damage was described as extensive after a bomb blast at a recruiting station in Fajardo, a town near a US Navy training station on the island's east coast, police said. One man was injured.

Another explosion occurred yesterday morning in front of a US Navy recruiting office in the heart of San Juan and there was a third bombing near the US Army's Fort Buchanan, near San Juan.

The police bomb squad defused bombs at similar targets in two other towns and planned to defuse a bomb found in front of the National Guard Armory in Mayaguez, on the west coast.

An anonymous caller to a San Juan radio station credited the clandestine pro-independence organization, Los Macheteros, for the bombings.

© SAN JOSÉ: Señor Alfonso Robelo, a leader of the anti-Sandinista rebels, said US training of Contras would be at bases in the United States, not in Central America (Martha Honey writes).

In an interview on Monday, Señor Robelo, one of three leaders of the United Nicaraguan Organization, the main Contra unit-defence group, said that, after approval of the new US aid package, "training is a top priority. We are not going to be so eager about quantity as about quality."

He said the intention is to increase the number of Contra fighters operating out of Honduras from 17,000 to 20,000 and to build up those in south Nicaragua from 3,000 to 5,000 by the end of the year.

Señor Robelo explained that, of the \$100 million (£69 million) aid, \$87 million will go to UNO for use by its three military divisions. These are the FDN, which fights out of Honduras, the Atlantic Coast organization Kisan, and FARN, which fights in southern Nicaragua. In addition, \$5 million will go to the Indian movement Misrasata, and \$5 million to the Costa Rican-based Contra organization, BOS.

The remaining \$3 million is earmarked for the independent Human Rights Commission based in Managua.

Search fails for Israeli nuclear technician

From Ian Murray, Jerusalem



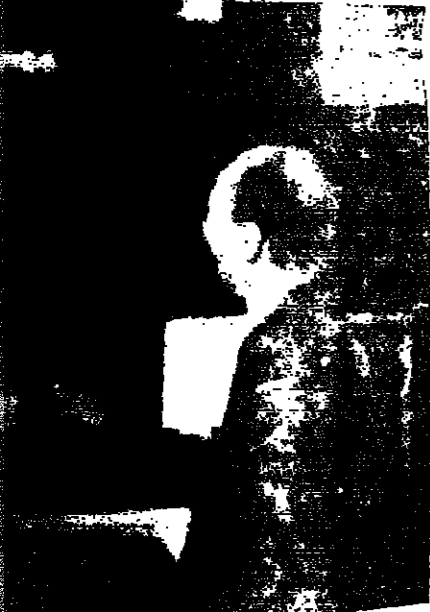
Captain Amphole Ploymekha, who landed safely.

Mr John McKnight, the Australian vicar who has been in Israel since last Thursday trying to find Mr Mordechai Vanunu, the nuclear technician who told *The Sunday Times* his country had built a nuclear arsenal, is flying back to London today having failed to make any contact with Mr Vanunu.

Mr McKnight told a news conference in Jerusalem yesterday that he was "quite certain" Mr Vanunu was in Israel, although he refused to give any details of the "strong evidence" he said he had been given proving this.

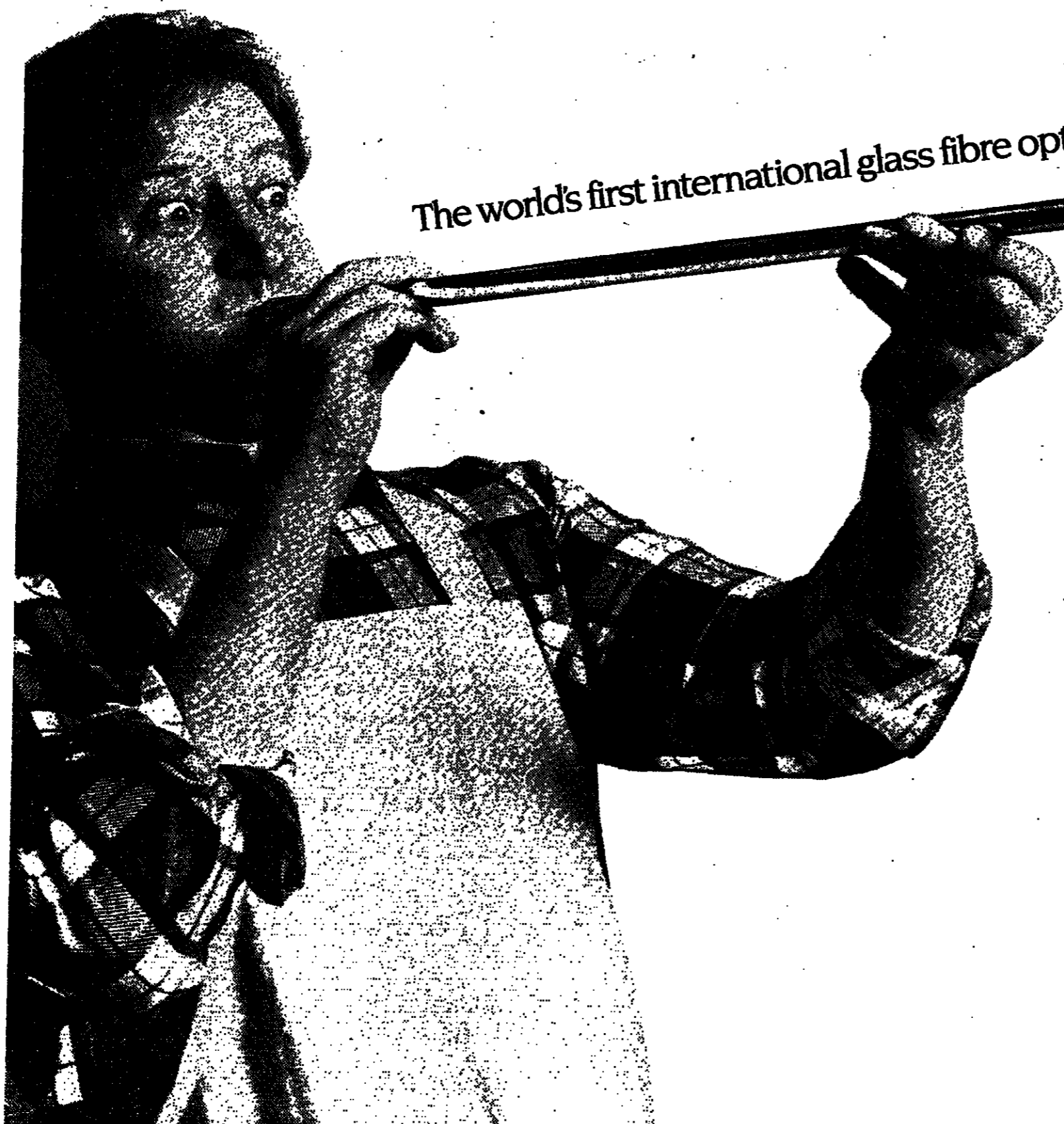
The Prisons Service spokesman has said that Mr Vanunu is not being held in one of its prisons and the Prime Minister's office has said: "We do not know anything about this matter."

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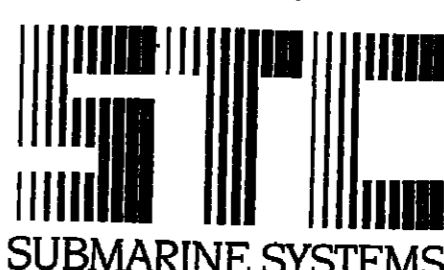
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Joint military exercise between Japan and US worries Russians

From David Watts, Chitose, Hokkaido, northern Japan

An American A 10 ground attack aircraft wheels in a great arc over Japanese infantry and tanks struggling to dislodge "red" force from the top of a frigid ridge ankle-deep in mud.

Occasionally the stubby jet darts down to strafe a target and eventually the red force flees in face of the combined Japanese and American assault.

Yesterday's operation was just part of a much wider exercise, the first of its kind involving simultaneous co-operation between the land, sea and air forces of the two countries, involving not only American units from Japan, Hawaii and the Philippines but the A 10 attack aircraft and Bronco observation aircraft brought in from South Korea.

Only a few years ago such co-operation between Japanese and American forces and the implied co-operation with South Korea would have been unthinkable, so sensitive was the Japanese public to close regional strategic co-operation with other powers.

But the years appear to have made the Japanese public less concerned about such things. While their concern has declined, however, that of the Soviet leader, Mr Mikhail Gorbachov, has increased.

Greeting President Kim Il Sung of North Korea at the weekend he warned the United States, Japan and South Korea about building an Eastern equivalent of Nato.

The war games now on in Hokkaido, Japan's flat, lush and vulnerable northland, only a few minutes flying time from the Soviet-occupied former northern islands of Japan, do not amount to an Eastern

from the direction of the Soviet Union. They have landed in Hokkaido and the combined forces of Japan and the US are now busy repelling them. American Boeing E 3 Awacs command and control aircraft are directing Japanese aircraft and ships, while Japanese Awacs aircraft are sending American jets into action.

Off shore, American and Japanese anti-submarine aircraft are dealing with the submarine threat while their jets tangle in dogfights.

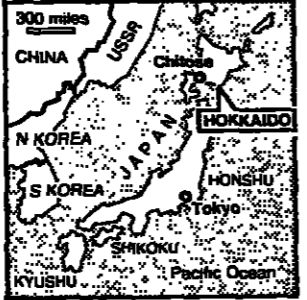
The exercise, which involves some 5,000 men from each country and almost 200 aircraft and ships, will feature helicopter-borne infantry operations and a final firepower demonstration.

General Charles Dyke, Commander US Army, Japan, is in no doubt about the success of the co-operative effort: the Japanese forces he says are "stacked with outstanding officers and coordination is thorough, complete and uninhibited".

The co-operation has increased because "the threat has increased significantly".

But he does not see foresee annual month-long military exercises on the scale of those held with South Korea each year.

Japan is certainly no longer shy about saying who the potential enemy is. The exercise envisages an invasion by "orange" forces coming



Proposal for peace prayer day in Kyoto

Assisi (AP) — The day after leaders of the world's major religions met in a historic gathering of fasting and prayer for peace, Japanese religious leaders yesterday proposed a similar summit for next year in Kyoto.

The proposal was immediately welcomed by some who participated in the gathering, led by the Pope. A Hindu therapist minister said further contacts might lead to a permanent world council of religions dedicated to peace.

The Japan Conference of Religious Representatives of Buddhists, Shintoists, Christians and other religions in Japan, put forward the proposal at a meeting of largely non-Christian leaders who came here at the Pope's invitation.

Mr Gijun Segitani, the deputy secretary-general of the Japanese group, said that a two-day summit would take place in the Buddhist Enryaku-ji Temple on Mount Hiei in Japan's ancient capital of Kyoto on August 3 and 4.

"We make this suggestion in the spirit of the Pope," said a statement which accompanied the invitation.

Monsignor Giulio Nicolini, a spokesman for the Holy See, said in Vatican City that no invitation had yet been extended to the Pope.



The Duke of Edinburgh questioning a Chinese official about the health of a young panda he is holding. The Duke, who is president of the World Wildlife Fund, was visiting the Wolong Panda Reserve in the central Chinese province of Sichuan.

Sikhs kill Hindu priests in Punjab

From Kuldip Nayyar, Delhi

Sikh terrorists killed six more people yesterday in different parts of the Punjab, including two Hindu priests at a prayer meeting and the uncle of the former Punjab police chief, Mr P S Bhinder.

The terrorists, who at one

time seemed to have been on the run, have re-grouped and struck even in a Hindu-majority area of Abhor, where seven people were killed at

Tension between Hindus and Sikhs, decreasing in the past month, has mounted again and Hindu leaders have asked the Government to

intervene, but the Home Ministry here believes the terrorists have become desperate.

Sikh militants have called for a Sarbat Khalsa, a convention of the Sikh community, in the Golden Temple at Amritsar on November 1, India's festival of lights, Dewali.

Brisbane takes hard line over cannabis

From Stephen Taylor, Brisbane

At a time when most Australian states are moving towards lighter penalties for possession of cannabis, the northern state of Queensland has again demonstrated its habit of pulling against national liberal trends.

A new Drug Misuse Act, which came into effect in the state on Monday, has brought protests not just from civil liberties groups, but also from police afraid that the severity of the penalties will drive dealers to desperate measures to avoid being caught.

The Act provides for life imprisonment for possession of 500 grammes of marijuana; for anyone convicted of possessing two grammes of heroin or cocaine the penalty is mandatory.

The original Bill was watered down somewhat after an earlier outcry, but in its amended form was pushed through Parliament with little debate.

It is not the first controversial legislation passed by the ultra-conservative government of Sir Johannes Bjelke-Petersen to reduce the use of drugs, particularly cannabis, which is widely grown in Australia and has gained general social acceptability in the past 10 years.

Possession of small quantities of cannabis for personal use has been de-criminalized in South Australia, the most liberal of the states.

In Queensland, however, the state administration approved an amendment to the Liquor Act a year ago banning alcohol sales to those defined as "drug dealers, sexual pervers or deviants and child molesters".

No action under this extraordinary law has yet been taken, but legal groups fear that the new Act is bound to lead to miscarriages of justice. The Queensland Bar Association said the wording of the legislation meant that life sentences would be imposed for comparatively minor drug offences. The Council for Civil Liberties described it as "a tragedy".

A spokesman for the Queensland Police Union said policemen had grave reservations about the Act. Traffickers facing a life sentence "will definitely be willing to take risks to escape".

The Act also brought a protest from an independent candidate in Saturday's state election, who was arrested after smoking what he indicated was cannabis in Brisbane city centre on Monday.

Mr Anthony Kniepp has been charged with possessing a dangerous drug, but after being remanded on bail he said the "joint" had been made from a legal herb.

Army tries to beat famine

From Ahmed Fazi, Dhaka

The death toll in the famine in northern Bangladesh which followed the floods there has risen to 15 in the past week. The Government called out troops yesterday to help civilian volunteers with emergency food distribution.

Three people died on Monday in the Nilphamari district, about 350 miles north of Dhaka, where a food shortage is affecting the countryside after heavy rains washed away the autumn harvest, the daily *Sanghad* reported yesterday.

Four others have died in neighbouring Kurigram district in the past two days. More than 5,000 families have taken shelter in relief camps and "feeding centres" there. Earlier eight starvation deaths were reported.

Retired Major-General Shamshed Hossain, the Relief Minister, denied there was a famine but told reporters that the deaths could be due to malnutrition and intestinal diseases.

'William Tell' on trial

Bonn — A former SS corporal, known as the "William Tell of Auschwitz" because he allegedly made inmates put tin cans on their heads for him to shoot at, went on trial in Wuppertal yesterday charged with six murders at the camp in 1944 (John England writes). Herr Gottfried Weise, now

aged 65, is accused of shooting at least three of his human targets after tiring of his games with them. He is also charged with killing another three inmates he found sleeping during working hours. Herr Weise told the court he was innocent and had never once used his service pistol.

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Tragicomic arranged marriage in the arresting Chinese novelty A Girl of Good Family

David Robinson introduces the forthcoming London Film Festival and makes his personal selection of the 10 most inviting prospects

Poignant revivals of past glories

This year's London Film Festival, which begins on November 13, is the thirteenth...

The Captain from Kopenick from West Germany; and a documentary that still looks remarkable...

own right and a compelling screen personality. The Beekeeper: Shows Theo Angelopoulos returned to strong form with a road film...



Saxophonist turned compelling screen personality: Dexter Gordon as Dale Turner in Tavernier's Round Midnight

Vocalizing violin

CONCERT

McAslan/Clayton Purcell Room

Lorraine McAslan was on top form on Monday night. The full-throated song with its rapid vibrato, which is one of the hallmarks of her violin playing...

progress before turning back to wry duetting with itself and a low, smoky return to the simplicity of the scale itself.

The accent, if any, is Frenchified, the writing careful, the inspiration almost entirely technical. It will not, perhaps, go down as one of the most essential additions to Miss McAslan's repertoire...

The evening had begun boisterously, with a Beethoven Major Op 30 Sonata in which the Adagio's chaste melody was kept tinglingly alive by the finest cross-currents of accent and metre between the violin and Nigel Clayton's hawk-eyed piano-playing...

Hilary Finch

Stylistic searching

LONDON DEBUTS

The Montreal-born cellist Sophie Rolland is an experienced and much-travelled soloist. It was not so much her natural confidence and technical assurance that were remarkable as her eagerness to search into the stylistic corners of every idiom she touched...

compelling dramatic presence. London should be hearing more of this cellist, not least with London orchestras.

Mary Rose Langfield, who has just joined Cologne Opera as a junior principal, is a strikingly individual dramatic mezzo. The vigour with which she started her Purcell Room recital with Granados's La Maja Dolorosa was almost alarming. The brilliance of the head-voice and the stentorian resonance of the chest are equally well integrated...

TELEVISION

Floyd is a member of that ever-increasing band of television experts who tread lightly, or in his case perhaps too easily, the perilous line between being an eccentric and an irritant...

The Sacrifice: Andrei Tarkovsky's visionary epic about a man faced with the prospect of the ultimate catastrophe and summoning all his spiritual forces to face it. Whether or not you claim to understand it all, and despite the slight of the Cannes Festival jury, this is the one undoubted classic film of the year.

Miss Mary: The world of House of the Angel revisited. Julie Christie plays an English governess employed by a monstrous rich family in pre-Peron Argentina. The director, Maria Luisa Bemberg, who has already had a previous international success with Camilla, only took to film-making when she was nearing 60.

Stammheim: The controversial Berlin Grand Prix winner, Renart Hauff, attacks his absorbing, neo-documentary reconstruction of the Baader-Meinhof trial as a moral lesson in the origins and psychology of terrorism in Germany, and a prognosis.

The main curiosity surrounds the premises of work by three major and very different British film-makers. Bill Douglas's Contraband, many years in preparation and his first film since his memorable autobiographical trilogy, explores virgin territory...

This year's Seventies of restored silent films with music are Erich von Stroheim's monumental Greed, with orchestral accompaniment by Carl Davis, presented by Thames Television; and Murnau's classic horror story Nosferatu, presented by the Munich Film Archive...

Andrew Hislop

The Royal Opera's new production of Otello will be sponsored by the Morgan Grenfell Group, the company's first major piece of arts sponsorship...

At that time Wajda, Fellini, Bergman, Ray and Torre Nilsson were still exciting new talents for this country. The only one of them to leave a trace on this year's festival is Bergman: a documentary records the shooting of Fanny and Alexander. Only three of the 1957 films have failed to acquire classic status in the Venetian festival...

Comic collisions: Paul Moriarty (left), Gary McDonald member who takes one appalled look at this clapped-out institution and sets about putting it in order. Not surprisingly, the old hands resent having their boat rocked, and gang up against him with accusations of racism, communism and tampering with the school's best-developed girl. He resigns. It is a bleak ending for a comedy, but it certainly underlines the question of whether we are supposed to like Dacres, the newcomer.

As played by Ben Thomas he comes over as a supercilious prig guaranteeing to get anybody's back up. Also, in a telling exchange with the old colonial classicist (Ran John Holder), it appears that Dacres is thoroughly in favour of dialect teaching and other post-independence innovations. In other words, he is backing the same system that has produced the illiterate Hopal.

It seems that Mr Rhone has difficulty in squaring his arguments with his personal sympathies. And the play is at its most effective as an exuberantly comic collision between a group of educational free-lancers all fighting for their own little patch of ground. As such, Yvonne Brewster's production offers lively performances from Paul Moriarty and Gary McDonald, and an alarming study in clerical go-getting from Malcolm Frederick.

Irving Wardle constantly interesting, intertwining themes on a personal and broader level and it uses the music in a fascinating, almost frightening way. Set in America on Thanksgiving Day during the Iranian hostage crisis, it explores the relationship between Ben, six months away from his English wife and children, and Amy, an American also involved in a long-standing relationship. As the themes of independence, guilt and possessiveness become tangled up in Ben's mind, McGrath weaves in McGuire's haunting music to highlight Ben's feelings, as the musicians eventually invade the stage. Though the play stops short, it creates an eerie atmosphere, balanced by McGrath's playfully witty treatment of two of his themes - obsessive patriotism and the all-intrusive media - as a huge television set starts giving orders and inviting personal confession. It also produces the strongest performances from Robert McIntosh, Melanie O'Reilly and Myra McFadyen.

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THEATRE

School's Out Stratford East

Amid the din of battle from Britain's multi-ethnic educational authorities, here is a piece that turns the situation upside-down and sets out to show how Jamaica's schools have been getting on since independence. School's Out, the fourth of Trevor Rhone's plays to appear at this address, dates back to the mid-Seventies, but it offers a picture of chaos, in-fighting and apathy which will cause traditionally-minded spectators to cluck their tongues in recognition. Set in the squalid staff-room of a Kingston secondary school, where the lavatory is always overflowing and the headmaster contributes nothing, except the occasional sound of off-stage flagellation, the comedy focuses on a group of teachers who have accepted all this as normal. The only enthusiastic teacher is young Hopal, a product of post-independence training, who is practically illiterate. The next, unsurprising, move is to bring in a new staff



Comic collisions: Paul Moriarty (left), Gary McDonald

member who takes one appalled look at this clapped-out institution and sets about putting it in order. Not surprisingly, the old hands resent having their boat rocked, and gang up against him with accusations of racism, communism and tampering with the school's best-developed girl. He resigns. It is a bleak ending for a comedy, but it certainly underlines the question of whether we are supposed to like Dacres, the newcomer. As played by Ben Thomas he comes over as a supercilious prig guaranteeing to get anybody's back up. Also, in a telling exchange with the old colonial classicist (Ran John Holder), it appears that Dacres is thoroughly in favour

Three Tron, Glasgow

Everything comes in triplicate in this programme of musical theatre: three brief plays, a cast of three and three writers with different approaches to triangular relationships and the use of Edward McGuire's music to explore them. Marcella Evaristi's Trio (with strings), the final piece of the evening, is the only one to deal with the play's musical dimension by incorporating it into the theme. A small girl from a working-class family is transferred to a "posh" school with a flourishing orchestra when her dad wins the pools. Unlabeled before her classmates for her musical ignorance and caught between two "best friends" she gradually establishes her position as comes, symbolically, to understand the previously foreign language of music and to make it her own by teaching it in more accessible form. This slight, stylized storyline remains very much on the surface, but the appeal lies in Evaristi's ready wit and use of

rhythmic, often rhyming dialogue to echo the musical theme, together with her understanding of the exasperating jealousies and parental embarrassment that can dog small girls' lives, and also in Myra McFadyen's endearing performance. Marianne Carey's Love Joan is, by contrast, far more conventional in structure, using the music more as an atmospheric backdrop. It shows a recent widow (Melanie O'Reilly) coming to terms with her mixer feelings of freedom, grief and guilt about an extramarital affair. It is interesting in its exploration of areas of self-deception and contradictory emotions, but the structure, a series of one-to-one encounters combined with monologues from Joan, begins to pall and produces repetitive patterns on the part of the cast, not overcome by Michael Boyd's direction. Both he and the cast are much more subtle and imaginative in Tom McGrath's Thanksgiving. The most complex of the plays, it eventually falls short of its promise with a rather lame ending, but it is

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Michelle is a beautiful 25-year-old girl, well-educated, and much loved by her family. Her father, Brian, is a professional man in a north London practice. Her younger brother, Richard, is a student. Her mother, Sheila, who is extremely close to her daughter, keeps house for the family.

Michelle is one of the court rooms. Brian could hear his daughter's screams resounding from the cells. But his efforts proved unnecessary. Michelle refused to agree to the terms of being bound over and was sentenced to three weeks' imprisonment in Holloway.



Michelle's mother: 'The social workers don't realize how desperate we are'

'I longed to run and hug her but she'd only attack me again'

Michelle was a slight, shy girl of 17 when she first showed signs of mental instability. "We were having a family Sunday lunch," recalls Sheila. "Michelle ran upstairs to her room, screaming with a pain in her head. She was breathing fast and looked as though she were in a fit. We called a doctor who sedated her."

Michelle was taken to a series of psychiatric hospitals, each referring her on to a colleague. She became a patient in several psychiatric hospitals. She has been diagnosed variously as suffering from "endogenous depression", "phobic anxiety", "identity crisis" and "episodic disorder".

An hour later, while Brian was dressing upstairs, there was a crash of splintering glass. He ran down to find Michelle climbing in through the shattered living room window. Richard, who was breakfasting downstairs, guessed what would happen and rushed upstairs to protect his mother by locking her in her bedroom. Sheila rang the police.

Michelle calmed down, made herself a cup of tea and went to look at her old room, now sad and empty, because her bed and all her possessions were transferred to the flat. A few minutes later the police arrived and took her to Heddon Magistrates' Court to be bound over to keep the peace.

"It's a terrible thing to take out your emotions against the child you love with all your heart," he said. "But she has been in and out of hospital for seven years. No treatment worked. She is getting no medical treatment now. We need help."

The professionals offer little hope for Michelle and her family. She falls between all the labels and therefore slips through the medical and legal constraints. She is not suffering from a recognized mental illness, is not mad enough to warrant sectioning to hospital, nor has she committed any crime.

THE HOLE IN BRITAIN'S SAFETY NET

Hospital. "They are not suitable for hospital or prison. They are very unhappy, self-destructive people. The only comfort is that as they grow older, the drive depletes and by the time they are 40 years old, they will settle down."

Robert Blegglass, Professor of Forensic Psychiatry at Birmingham University, is also pessimistic. "Society has done nothing for people who do not fit the categories," he says. "It all comes down to resources. Many of them would be better off in small highly staffed specialist units. The nearest we have are the medium secure units, but they are only now being built. It is a fine balance between the liberty of the individual and the protection of the public."

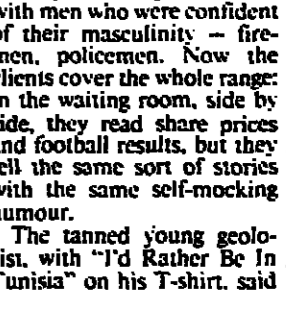
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The Marie Stopes Clinics' vasectomy service may be 10 years old, but its clients still seem strangely apprehensive...

In a quiet north London side-street, where the October sun was shifting the last of the morning shadows, a young man wearing a suede jacket and carrying a large plastic briefcase paused outside the open door of a Georgian house. Thoughtfully he sauntered past. Suddenly, after going only a few yards, he turned and shot back through the door.

They were men who had had the responsibility for organizing contraception and they wanted to put it on a permanent basis. The vasectomy clinics have been particularly successful with men who were confident of their masculinity — firemen, policemen. Now the clients cover the whole range in the waiting room, side by side, they read share prices and football results, but they tell the same sort of stories with the same self-mocking humour.

The tanned young geologist, with 'I'd Rather Be In Tunisia' on his T-shirt, said:



he'd picked his appointment to coincide with opening time. He was heading for a restorative pint. Through the batwing doors, Tim Black, who is chief executive as well as a snipper, had another client on the table. With Radio 2 playing, with no masks and caps, and with his manner of cheerful maverick, Tim aims to strip the operation of formality. He succeeds. "Here we go," he says. "Little incision in that, coagulate with electric needle. Finding the vas is the only tricky bit. Look there it is."

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Chief chef Reaching for her wooden spoon and beating up a quick orange and walnut cake is not, perhaps, how most of us see the Prime Minister — but the pupils of a small school in the Midlands certainly do.

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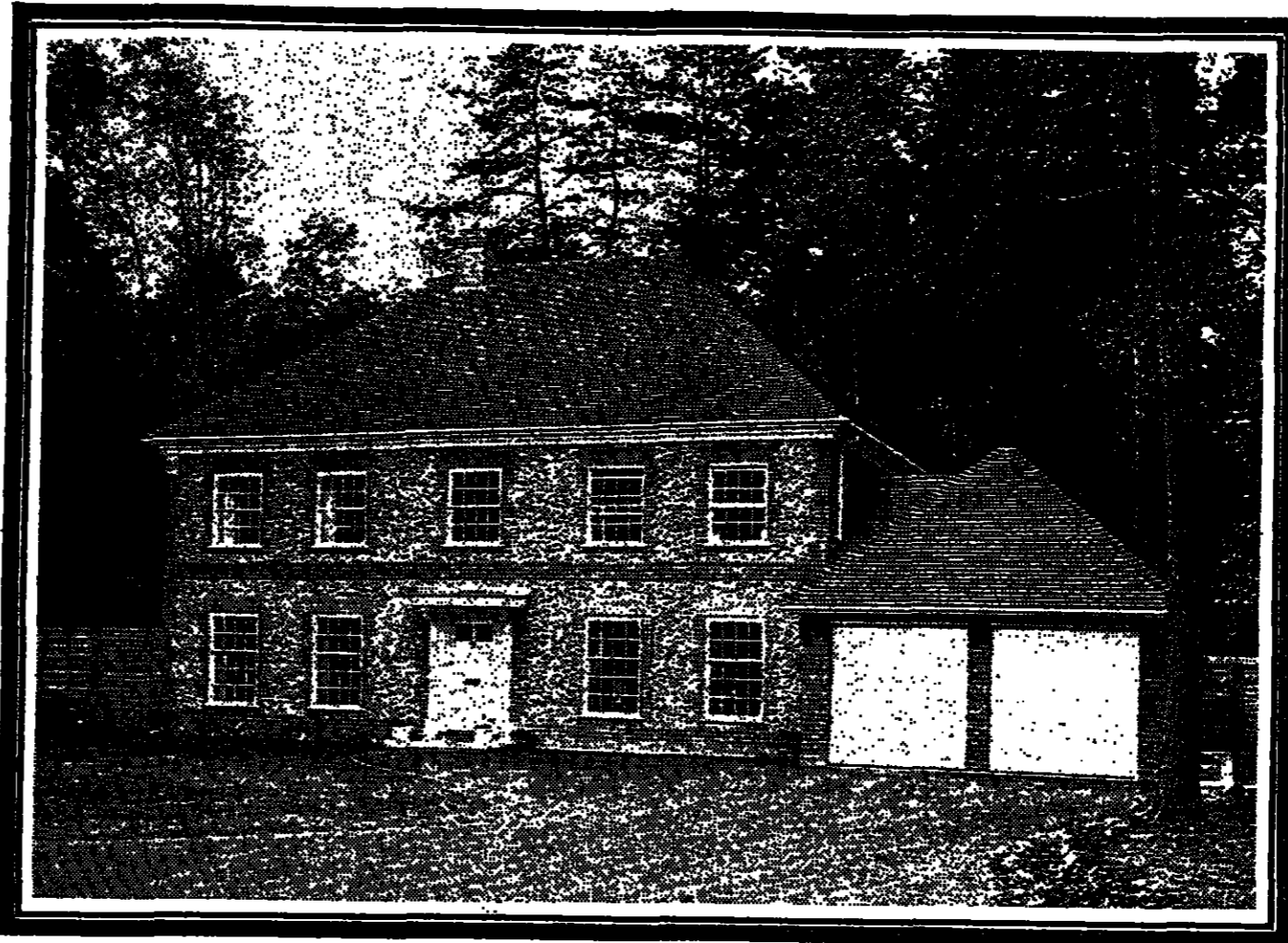
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Not to be confused with the one in the previous column... (Small text providing details about names and dates)

BIRTHS

ADLEY - On October 24th, at The Midwives Hall, to Rosemary (nee Shaw) and Brian, a daughter, Rosemary. Birth date: 24.10.86

CLARKE - On 22nd October at Cambridge, to Rebecca (nee Hunt) and Peter, a son, Henry William Lawrence. Birth date: 22.10.86

DE FERRANTI - On October 27th at The Portland, to Christine and Robert, a daughter, Isabella. Birth date: 27.10.86

FLIGHT - On October 27th, at Queen Mary's Hospital, to Christine and Christopher, a daughter, Isabella. Birth date: 27.10.86

FOY - On October 21st, 1986, to Anthea Jane (nee Jones) and John, a daughter, Isabella. Birth date: 21.10.86

GILHOUS - On 23 October, to Pamela and Christopher, a son, Alexander. Birth date: 23.10.86

HARRISON - On 25th October at Ede Imple Hospital, Edinburgh, to Philip and Barbara, a daughter, Isabella. Birth date: 25.10.86

HUBBARD - On 25th October, 1986, at the Portland Hospital, to Pamela and Robert, a daughter, Isabella. Birth date: 25.10.86

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Bitter Kremlin lashes Britain for Syria action

From Christopher Walker, Moscow
The Soviet Union yesterday issued a bitter formal condemnation of Britain's decision to break diplomatic ties with Syria...

Kinnock's mortgage relief plan

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The Labour leader maintained he was not announcing a new policy. "The system of relief has so changed as to fail adequately to meet the objective of helping the majority of home-buyers with their costs...

Thousands in farewell to Machel

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murdered our president", proclaimed another. Mr Joaquim Chissano, the Foreign Minister, who, with Mr dos Santos, led the procession of government and party mourners...

Three die, 36 hurt, in bus crash



Rescuers cutting into the wreckage in an effort to free trapped passengers.

Three elderly women died and 20 other passengers were injured, as a bus collided head-on with an articulated lorry near Newcastle city centre yesterday...

'Warped' Bamber guilty of murders

Continued from page 1
The murder weapon on Sheila Caffell who had then committed suicide. In answer to widespread criticism of police handling of the case...

Frank Johnson in the Commons No time to get used to a scandal

Just as we observers of politics get used to one scandal, the scandal changes to another. We went off for last week-end with the scandal being the one about Conservative Central Office having allegedly put pressure on Tory witnesses not to give evidence for the defendants in the libel action...

Today's events

- Royal engagements: The Queen attends a reception at St James's Palace to mark the twenty-fifth anniversary of the Horserace Betting Levy Board...
The Times Crossword Puzzle No 17,189: This puzzle was solved within 30 minutes by 15 of the 22 national finalists in the 1986 Collins Dictionaries Times crossword championship...

THE TIMES INFORMATION SERVICE

Books-hardback: The Literary Editor's selection of interesting books published this week...
Roads: The Midlands: M1: Contraflow between junctions 17 and 28...
The pound: Australia \$ 2.29, Belgium F 21.20...
Parliament today: Commons (2:30): Debate on Westland...
Lighting-up time: London 5.10 pm to 6.20 am...
Portfolio Gold: Portfolio - how to play...
Anniversaries: Births: James Boswell, Edinburgh, 1740...
Tower Bridge: Tower Bridge will be raised today at 11 am and 12 noon.

Weather forecast

A strong, showery westerly airflow will cover the British Isles. 6 am to midnight...
Weather forecast: London, SE, central S, E, central N England, East Angles, Midlands: Mainly dry, sunny periods; wind SW to W moderate or fresh; max temp 12C (54F)...
High Tides: TODAY: London Bridge 10.26, 5.5, 11.4, 6.0...
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Eurotunnel confident Eurotunnel was last night confident that the deadline for its £206 million international share placing at 2pm today would be met.

Wolsey up Wolsey, the largest supplier of plumbing and heating equipment in Britain, yesterday reported pretax profits for the 12 months to end July 1986 up 60 per cent to £50.3 million.

BCA record In another record year to August 1, pretax profits at the British Car Auction Group jumped 36.5 per cent to £13.8 million on turnover up 5 1/2 per cent to £89 million.

Thorn funding Thorn EMI, the music and electronics group, has established a £100 million commercial paper programme to be denominated in sterling and dollars.

Apex bid fails Apex Group, the New Zealand property developer, has failed in its tender offer for 29 per cent of Property Holding & Investment Trust (PHIT), the property company.

Dearer loans Barclays Bank's mortgage rate is to go up 1.25 per cent to 12.25 per cent from Friday. The TSB's rate on endowment mortgages will rise by 1.25 per cent to 12.25 per cent and on repayment mortgages from 11.5 per cent to 12.75 per cent.

Hanson pensions move causes Courage strike

More than 300 workers at the Courage brewery in Reading walked out yesterday in protest at what they see as an attempt by Hanson Trust to siphon off an £85 million surplus in their pension fund. Courage, Britain's sixth-biggest brewer, was acquired by Hanson in the £2.5 billion takeover of the Imperial Group carrier this year and it is now being sold to the Australian Foster's lager group, Elders DXL.

Britvic puts fizz into cola wars

A big realignment of the British soft drinks industry was signalled yesterday with the announcement of a series of deals that set the battlelines for a renewed offensive in the cola wars. On one side will be Britvic Corona. This will be formed by Britvic Soft Drinks acquiring, for £120 million, the main part of the British soft drinks business of Beecham, the pharmaceuticals and consumer products group.

Turner & Newall may sue over AE bid costs

Turner & Newall, the engineering group which has been cleared to bid again for AE, yesterday said it was taking legal advice on the possibility of recovering some of the £4 million costs incurred in the abortive bid and pressed for the damage done. Financial advisers to T&N stressed last night that there was no assurance it would be legally possible to recover anything. The parties from whom recovery might be expected would be Hill Samuel, the merchant bank acting for AE, Hill Samuel Investment Management, Cazenove, AE's stockbroker, and Midland Bank, AE's principal banker.



Lord Hanson: selling Courage to Elders DXL

New Topic failure hits SEAQ

The Stock Exchange's computer systems broke down again yesterday - with the Topic networkwork more causing the problems. The failure caused the Stock Exchange Automated Quotations system to be withdrawn for half an hour at 1pm forcing brokers back to the traditional dealing methods on the Stock Exchange floor. The view from the brokers and market-makers, however, was that the timing of yesterday's failure - at lunchtime when business is traditionally quiet - meant that the effects on business were slight.

M&S interim profit 13% up at £155m

Marks and Spencer, Britain's premier retailer, made pretax profits in the half year to September 27 of £155.6 million, a rise of 13.1 per cent on the previous first half. Profits rose 14.8 per cent in Britain and 16.2 per cent in Europe, but the Canadian subsidiary made a loss of £1.7 million compared with a profit of £700,000.

Home loans go to market

The first fully mortgage-backed security in Britain is set to be launched by National Home Loans Corporation, the specialist mortgage lender, before Christmas and will mark the start of a secondary mortgage market. Mr Richard Lacy, the corporation's chief executive, said yesterday the company had more than £300 million in home loans on its books and was ready to securitize part of its lending. The security was likely to be in the form of a sterling bond fully listed on the Stock Exchange, but the precise method of securitization had not yet been settled.

Spending boom fuels optimism, CBI claims

The continuing boom in consumer spending and the devaluation of sterling against the mark have made the British manufacturing industry more optimistic about its order prospects for the next four months than at any time since April 1985, the Confederation of British Industry (CBI) claims, after its latest quarterly survey of industrial trends. And industry is more optimistic about exports after a period of deep gloom in the summer. Output, orders and exports were flat in the third quarter, but now the CBI expects industrial output in the final three months of the year to be 1 per cent higher than in the same quarter of 1985.

Halpern and Conran resolve their dispute

The long-running dispute between Sir Ralph Halpern, chairman of Burton Group, and Sir Terence Conran, chairman of Storehouse, over promises made during Burton's bid for Debenhams last year has been resolved. Conran Design Group will redesign the Harvey Nichols flagship store and about 400 Burton menswear stores. Storehouse will also be offered space in the 66 Debenhams stores, but probably about 10 per cent rather than the 20 per cent envisaged under the original agreement.

MARKET SUMMARY STOCK MARKETS New York 1854.89 (+13.07) Tokyo 18397.83 (+240.03) Nikkei Dow 18397.83 (+240.03) Hang Kong 2855.93 (+12.27) American Bank 2710 (-3.2) Sydney: AO 1357.5 (+10.7) Frankfurt 1964.5 (-17.6) Brussels 8857.39 (+0.75) Paris: CAC 377.5 (-2.7) Zurich 811 (-1.8) S&A General 533.80 (+0.1) London closing prices Page S1 INTEREST RATES London: Bank Base: 11% 3-month Interbank 11 1/4-1 1/4% 3-month eligible bills 10 3/4-10 3/4% buying rate US: Prime Rate 7 3/4% Federal Funds 6 3/4-7% 3-month Treasury Bills 5.18-5.16% 30-year bonds 9 1/4-9 3/4% CURRENCIES London: E: \$1.4155 S: £1.4180 E: DM2.8749 S: DM2.8590 S: Sfr1.6770 S: FF9.3885 S: FF6.5480 E: Yen226.48 S: Yen180.05 S: Index: 111.2 ECU 20.72496 New York: E: \$1.4155 S: £1.4180 E: DM2.8749 S: DM2.8590 S: Sfr1.6770 S: FF9.3885 S: FF6.5480 E: Yen226.48 S: Yen180.05 S: Index: 111.2 ECU 20.72496

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WALL STREET Dow rise continues

New York (Reuters) - The tide of special situations - real of reported takeovers and restructurings - continued to lift shares in early trading yesterday. But bonds, which had helped the market for the last few days, offered little support. The Dow Jones Industrial average gained 8.01 points to 1,849.83. On Monday, it closed 9.56 up at 1,841.82. Goodyear, which has said it is considering a restructuring, rose by 1/2 to 48 1/2. Transworld, also considering a similar plan, gained 1 1/2 to 41 1/2.

Table with columns for company names and stock prices, including AMR, ASA, Allied Signal, etc.

Coffee 'is best for growth'

Coffee has the most potential for growth on the London Commodity Exchange, according to a MORI survey of LCE members. However, the fortunes of cocoa futures are declining. The survey, published yesterday, drew a high response, with 50 of the 61 authorized floor members of the LCE taking part. The LCE trades cocoa, coffee and sugar futures and plans to introduce traded options, with a new category of membership for options dealers, next year. It is also likely to allow 'locals' - individuals trading on their own account - access to the market. An immediate result of the survey is the appointment of a full-time LCE marketing director next Monday. Sixty per cent of the survey's sample said that they wanted the LCE to increase its marketing effort in order to boost the LCE's liquidity. Forty six per cent said that the present volume of business in coffee was greater now than in previous years. Conversely, half of the sample said that the volume of cocoa business had declined. Other conclusions reached by the survey were: LCE members put an average 50 per cent of their business through the LCE. Factors influencing the upturn or downturn of business in a particular commodity are extraneous to the LCE, such as exchange rate fluctuations. London's main advantage over foreign commodity competitors is its convenience in terms of its location and time zone. Disadvantages of the LCE focused on lack of liquidity. The LCE members prefer an open plan trading floor system, although opinion is divided between having trading rings or a pit system.

Outlook promising for Smallbone as interim profit goes up by 205%

Smallbone, the fitted kitchen and bathroom company, yesterday announced a 205 per cent increase in pretax profits in its first set of results as a public company. Profits before tax for the six months to August 31 were £387,000, compared with £127,000 in the corresponding period last year. Profits in the first half last year were, however, unusually depressed. The company, which came to the USM in June this year, expects a further profit increase in its traditionally stronger second half. Yesterday's figures reveal an exceptional item - a provision of £197,000 for potential income tax liabilities. This has the effect of reducing the profits for the year to February 28, 1986 - the latest yearly figures published in the prospectus - to £190,000, up from £125,000. Mr Chris Wilson, the finance director, said that the provision had been accounted for in earlier years in the prospectus. Turnover increased by 47 per cent and the company's newly acquired bathroom wholesaling subsidiary - BC Santan - contributed about £128,000 to profits. The company is opening a pilot kitchen operation in New York next March and is contemplating two further acquisitions in related fields. Smallbone is paying an interim dividend of 1.42p (1985-0.45p).

New towns will pass £1bn sales

The Commission for the New Towns, the quango responsible for selling the property assets of the English new towns, says it will reach the £1 billion mark in five years' time, beating British Airways in the size of public assets sold. The chairman of the commission, Sir Neil Shields, said it had sold £93.7 million of assets in the year to March 31, 1986, £17 million above the Government's target. A further £75 million of sales were agreed, of which £20 million were completed early in the new financial year. The Commission has sold more than £500 million of property since 1979. There is still a long way to go in the sale of new town assets. The Commission's estate was valued at £721 million before including assets from Bechtel, the Essex new town. It will, however, be increasingly hard to sell so much property as the assets remaining are less commercially attractive. There will be particular difficulties in disposing of assets at Ramcote, the new town near Liverpool, which has been hard hit by recession.

Bingley and Progressive to merge

The Progressive Building Society, one of Northern Ireland's two indigenous building societies, is to merge with the Bradford & Bingley Building Society, in the United Kingdom, to prepare for competition with high street banks. The board of the Progressive met Mr Stephen Spilsbury, general manager of Bradford & Bingley, in Belfast yesterday. The 25,000 members at the Progressive will be asked to approve a merger at a special general meeting. The society, which has nine branches, has assets of about £100 million and commands 4 or 5 per cent of the Northern Ireland mortgage market. The Bradford & Bingley has two branches in Northern Ireland and 250 throughout Britain. The three biggest societies operating in Northern Ireland, the Halifax, Abbey National and Nationwide, have about 55 per cent of the Ulster market. The Progressive has wanted a marriage with a larger mainland society for about two years, ever since the scope of the new legislation, which next year will lead to the second Big Bang, became clear.

Tin nations defer action over crisis

Jakarta (Reuters) - Leading tin-producing nations have deferred for a month any action to end the current market crisis, Dr Subroto, the Indonesian mines and energy minister, said yesterday at the end of a two-day meeting. The Association of Tin Producing Countries, however, said in a statement that the seven members would try to achieve a predictable and orderly depletion of surplus stocks. Dr Subroto, the present chairman of the association, told a press conference that the group's executive committee had been assigned to study various options and to make recommendations in a month. Work on tin prices has slumped to about \$5,700 (about £4,051) a tonne, less than half of what it was a year ago, as surplus production and overhanging stocks glut the metal market. The tin crash has caused big lay-offs and mine closures worldwide. Brazil and China, which took part in the meeting, pledged to co-operate with efforts to stabilize the tin market, according to the statement. However, they made no commitment to join the group. Dr Subroto said that surplus stocks could be depleted in three years. Another option being considered is a Malaysian proposal for both producers and consumers to use the Kuala Lumpur Tin Market, to create a reference price in the absence of tin trading at the London Metal Exchange, he said.

BSS buys supplier for £9m

BSS Group, the supplier of pipeline equipment, is buying the privately-owned Manor Building and Plumbing Supplies for £9.85 million. Manor is one of the largest private specialist distributors of copper tube and fittings in Britain. BSS is financing the deal by a £9.25 million vendor placing of 4.02 million shares with 100 per cent clawback for ordinary shareholders. Manor sells mainly to contractors and builders' and plumbers' merchants. Turnover in 1985 was £17.9 million and taxable profits were £1.5 million. Net assets of Manor at the end of June, 1986 were not less than £3.3 million. BSS began distributing copper tube and fittings five years ago and through Manor will be able to increase the activity substantially. The share issue represents 27.9 per cent of BSS' existing equity and is available to shareholders on the basis of one new share at 230p for 3.6 held.

Brokers halt India's biggest stock market

Bombay (Reuters) - Stockbrokers halted trading on India's biggest stock exchange yesterday in protest against a ban on forward trading. The ban was imposed after raids by income tax officials on the offices of several brokers. Exchange authorities had kept the market open for trading but ordered that all deals should be on a spot delivery basis and paid in cash. Brokers could not say if trading would resume today on the exchange, which transacts a third of the value of shares traded on India's 14 stock exchanges. Trading was halted for two days last week after more than 500 officials from the revenue department raided the offices and homes of more than 20 brokers, seizing undeclared documents, cash and jewellery. There was no trading on Monday as brokers settled business done in the past two weeks, exchange officials said.

Dutch company to open plant

Northern Ireland received its fourth Dutch-owned industrial project yesterday when Van Oerle Albertson, a seat-belt maker, announced plans to open a factory in North Down. The site is near the Dundonald plant of General Motors, its main customer. The Dutch company supplies General Motors with seat-belt webbing. Local experience of textile manufacture was a deciding factor in the choice of location, Mr Gerard Steegers, the managing director of Albertson, said. Initially the company will employ 28 people.

UK Computer Press Awards

Entries for the 1986 UK Computer Press Awards, sponsored by The Times and Hewlett-Packard, must be in by Friday. The awards, now in their third year, are designed to encourage high standards of journalism in a field with more than 200 publications. The winners will be announced on November 26 at a ceremony at Claridges, hosted by Mr William Rushton, the television and radio personality. Prizes, worth more than £10,000 in all, will be awarded to the winners in the following categories: Computer Journalist of the Year (News). Computer Journalist of the Year (Features). Computer Columnist of the Year. (Winners in the above categories will each receive an HP Portable Plus computer and Thinkjet). Computer Journal of the Year (Prize, HP desktop computer, Thinkjet printer and a crate of champagne). Computer Photographer of the Year. (1,000 worth of photographic equipment). Best Designed Journal of the Year. (Crate of champagne). Technology Programme of the Year. (Crate of champagne). All winners will also receive engraved silver trophies. Entries must be based on technology or computing subjects that have been printed or broadcast between November 1, 1985 and October 31, 1986. Further information from: Horsley Associates, Capital House, 20-22 Crown Road, London W2 3PX (01-402 3347).

New Woolwich Interest Rates

Table showing investment rates for various account types: SHARE ACCOUNTS (6.00% to 8.58%), CASHBASE ACCOUNTS (6.50% to 9.15%), PRIME ACCOUNTS (8.00% to 11.27%), CAPITAL ACCOUNTS (8.75% to 12.59%), PREMIUM SHARES (9.25% to 13.03%), and WOOLWICH MORTGAGE RATE (12.25% to 8.698%).

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COMPANY NEWS WILLIAM COOK: The group is to buy Weir Foundries from the Weir Group for £9.3 million... CAMCO INC: (65.4 per cent owned by Pearson) Camco has acquired the nitrogen and coil-tubing assets of Nowcos Services... CHESTERFIELD PROPERTIES: First half of 1986. Interim dividend 5p (4.5p) payable on Nov. 28... FROGMORE ESTATES: Total dividend raised to 7.61p (6.91p) for the year to June 30... PHILIPS LAMPS: The company and R R Donnelley and Sons have formed Optimage Interactive Services... ECORIC HOLDINGS: Six months to July 31. Turnover £3.99 million (£3.11 million). Pretax profit £63,000 (loss £75,000)... FOBEL INTERNATIONAL: First half of 1986. Turnover: UK £2.08 million (£1.1 million); electronic division £4.78 million (£3.43 million)... UTEC TRADING CORPORATION: Six months to June 30. Pretax profits £184,091 - up 41 per cent on the similar period last year... FERGUSON INDUSTRIAL HOLDINGS: The group has disposed of one of its subsidiaries which is unrelated to printing, packaging and plastics - its main activities. Fred Wright and Sons (Supplies) has been sold to Heath Engineering Products (Manchester), which has similar interests in distributing fasteners for £175,000 cash... EXTEL GROUP: A group of businesses building is to be disposed of as Extel finalizes plans to separate management from trading activities. Extel House, just behind Fleet Street, has contained the headquarters as well as the racing and sports services since Extel took a long lease on the building in 1956. Extel expects considerable annual savings from the move. The corporate headquarters will be in a small, central London office.

Woolwich Equitable Building Society. Chief Office: Equitable House, London SE18 6AB. Includes details about mortgage rates and services.

NEW NATIONWIDE RATES FROM NOVEMBER 1ST 1986. Includes details about share accounts, flexaccounts, bonusbuilder accounts, capital bonus, international account, deposit accounts, and other investment accounts.



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Table with multiple columns showing call and put option prices for various stocks like Allied Lyons, BP, Coca-Cola, etc.

LONDON FINANCIAL FUTURES

Table showing futures prices for Three Month Sterling, US Treasury Bond, and Long Gilt.

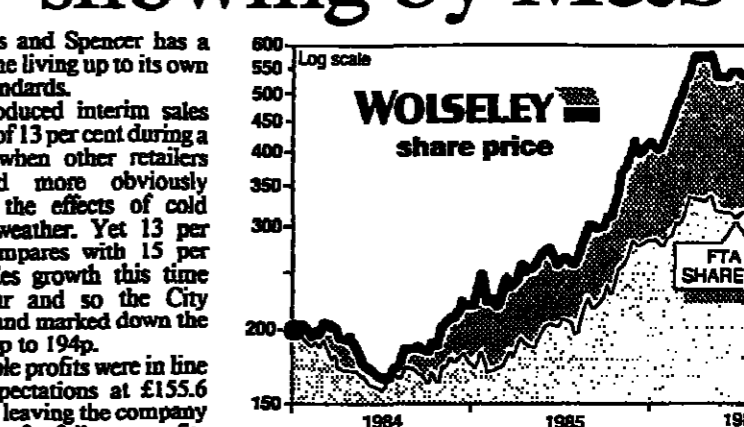
TRADITIONAL OPTIONS

Table with columns for First Dealings, Last Dealings, Last Declaration, and For Settlement.

FOREIGN EXCHANGES

Table showing market rates and dollar spot rates for various currencies like New York, London, and others.

TEMPUS City sniffs at good showing by M&S



Marks and Spencer has a hard time living up to its own high standards. It produced interim sales growth of 13 per cent during a period when other retailers struggled more obviously...

Wolseley must be the biggest company you have never heard of. For the record, its annual turnover is nearly £750 million and pretax profits last year were more than £50 million.

The expansion and modernisation programme continues but will cost slightly less than expected in the current year. This year's spend will be about £270 million against a budgeted £300 million...

Wolseley has been pleasantly surprised by the continuing opportunities in its home market in recent years. It could enjoy a boost if the Government primes the preselection pump by spending on refurbishment work since this accounts for more than half of the British business.

Investment in Progress

Marks and Spencer p.l.c. unaudited results for the first half of the 1986/87 Financial Year

Large table showing financial results for Marks and Spencer p.l.c. with columns for 26 Weeks ended, 52 Weeks ended, and Inc. for various categories like Group Sales, Profit, and Taxation.

NOTES: 1. The figures have been prepared on the historical cost basis of accounting. 2. Group profit before taxation arises as follows: 1986 1985...

STATEMENT BY THE CHAIRMAN, THE LORD RAYNER

In the U.K. Clothing sales were good even though poor Summer weather depressed the sales of seasonal lines. The Homeware Division continued its strong advance while Food sales showed satisfactory increases with no Easter trading included in this period...

Marks & Spencer

RECENT ISSUES

Table listing recent issues of equities and money markets with columns for issue name, price, and yield.

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Table listing rights issues for various companies like Bellway N/P, Blue Arrow N/P, etc.

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THE STOCK EXCHANGE et in progress

Reed International: Mr P J Davis will become chief executive from November 1. Mr L A Carpenter has been made executive chairman. Mr N J Stapleton will become finance director from November 28. Technical Audit: Mr Noel Grinstead is appointed managing director. Uniroyal: Mr Alastair

APPOINTMENTS

Johnston is made managing director. John Laing Construction: Mr David G Hill is made chairman of Esk Manufacturing Company and deputy chairman of Beechdale Engineering. Skitchley: Mr John Gillum

becomes a non-executive director. Clark Whitehill & Co: Mr Laurence Baehr. Mr Ted Sloper. Mr Philip Forwood. Mr Howard Williams and Mr Philip Willoughby become partners. Nashua Copycat: Mr MI-

chael Twigg takes over as managing director.

Nabarro Nathanson: Mr Roger Duncan. Mr Paul Kendall. Mr Peter Denley. Mr Jonathan Dawson. Mr John

Murray. Mr Howard Richards. Mr Gareth Jones and Mr Leslie Kovacs become partners.

Why Australia dare not weaken its grip on the economy

From Richard Lander, Sydney

Australia's financial pundits have been done out of their grievance. The Labour government's austerity economic policies have made it very difficult for commentators and the capital markets at large to indulge in their favourite sport of criticizing the way the country's finances are run.

Faced with unacceptably high inflation, an appalling balance of payments deficit and a foreign debt level that led Mr Paul Keating, the Treasurer, to warn that the country could become a banana republic, the government has pulled out all the stops in an effort to halt the rot.

Its determination has been evident on the three most important economic fronts — fiscal, monetary and wage policy. Mr Keating's budget, delivered in August, included a government deficit forecast of A\$5 billion (£1.42 billion). This amounts to just 1.4 per cent of GNP, the lowest level for five years.

The forecast, which is predicated on zero real increase in state spending, should allow a substantial reduction in government bond sales in the 1986-87 financial year which ends next June.

Such a tight fiscal stance is necessary to relieve some of the burden from the government's monetary policy which, in reducing broad money supply growth from 19 to 11 per cent over the year to August, had forced interest rates up to unpopular levels.

Mortgage rates are now about 15 per cent while consumer finance rates can run to 22 per cent.

Perhaps most importantly, the government has ensured, through accords with the Australian Council of Trade Unions, that centrally-awarded wage rises have remained below inflation. After full wage indexing for many years — which the stronger unions supplemented by individual bargaining — next year's awards should be at least 2 or 3 percentage points below the 8 per cent inflation rate.

If the tripartite policy has helped to restore some confidence in the government, the 40 per cent trade-weighted depreciation of the Australian dollar over the past 18 months has had more tangible effects.

The manufacturing sector is beginning to show signs of

fighting back after being swept aside for years by Japanese goods which were imported at bargain prices because of an artificially high dollar. An international competitiveness index drawn up by Bain, the stockbroker, shows that Australian firms are 40 per cent better off than at the start of 1985.

As Mr Neale Goldston — Morris, head of research at Bain, argues, the domestic market may be tight because of falling disposable incomes but at least local firms are receiving more of it.

To a smaller extent, Australian firms are making headway also in overseas markets although the country is still suffering for its almost total neglect of the industrial sector in the first three decades after the Second World War when it was cosseted by high farm and natural resource prices.

Australia's bargain basement prices are attracting foreigners in droves to put their money in the country.

Overseas funds come from a wide variety of sources: fund managers, looking away from the fragile heights reached by the Japanese and American financial markets, are attracted by rising industrial profits, highly profitable gold mines and government bonds that yield about 13.5 per cent; tourists are drawn by the country's fine cities and breathtaking natural beauty; and foreign companies which, after being encouraged to "Australianize" their subsidiaries by lowering their share stakes, have now been allowed to take them over completely.

Reckitt & Colman, the British household goods group, has taken over its quoted subsidiary already and other companies are expected to follow suit.

But it is a facade without much depth. As Mr Will Buttrose, chief economist of Lloyds Bank NZA, said, much of the inflow is "here today, gone tomorrow money. If people think the United States looks better, they will pull out".

There is also the question of whether the government can make its financial targets stick. At present, Mr Keating has the goodwill of the finan-

cial markets as the medicine takes time to work. Last week they greeted a rise in the quarterly-published Consumer Price Index from 8.4 per cent to 8.9 per cent by boosting the Australian dollar by more than half a cent against the American dollar.

Such patience may wane next year if the government's fiscal and monetary grip weakens. There must be doubts also about its ability to keep the unions in tow for much longer. "It's wishful thinking to believe that the union movement will keep as quiet next year," Mr Buttrose said. There will be little help from the rest of the world. Because of the long neglect of the industrial sector, Australia is still heavily dependent on its

exports of agricultural goods and minerals.

What progress there has been is, in Mr Buttrose's words, of "poor cash proportions" when compared to the scale of Australia's financial problems. Gross foreign debt totalled about A\$86 billion, or 37 per cent of GDP, in June. The current account of the balance of payments is likely to show a deficit of at least A\$15 billion in 1986-87; and inflation is still four times the average of most OECD countries.

Figures of this magnitude demand that the government maintains its present policies on all three fronts. "Given that government is a mixture of politics and economics, they really can't do much more than they've done," Mr Buttrose said. "But it will be a long-haul exercise".

National Home Loans

EXTRACTS FROM THE 1986 REPORT AND ACCOUNTS

Total operating income	£5.2m
Profit on ordinary activities before taxation	£2.8m
Profit after extraordinary item and taxation	£1.4m
Earnings per share	3.5p per share
Total dividend per share	1.83p per share
Total assets at year end	£350m

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THE TIMES UNIT TRUST INFORMATION SERVICE

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UNLISTED SECURITIES

Table of unlisted securities with columns for Name, Bid, Offer, Change, and Yield.

INVESTMENT TRUSTS

Table of investment trusts with columns for Name, Bid, Offer, Change, and Yield.

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COMMODITIES

Table of commodities with columns for Name, Bid, Offer, Change, and Yield.

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How the Cinderellas won their share of millions for medicine

The Wellcome Trust, the charity created by the philanthropist and pharmaceutical businessman Sir Henry Wellcome, who died 50 years ago, is the biggest single non-government source of funds for medical research in Britain.

Over the years, but mainly in the last 20, it has awarded more than £170 million for studies over a huge and diverse range, not only in medicine but in the associated life sciences.

This has taken place, moreover, during times which have seen dramatic advances in knowledge and understanding of the genes and cells and molecules which constitute human life, the very foundations and building bricks which determine the way we are and function, thrive and die.

During the current financial year alone, the trust will distribute £33 million. But it is not so much the amount of money it is able to dispense that really matters. It is the character of the spending, and the decisions that lie behind it.

Writing in the current issue of Wellcome's quarterly journal, *Medical History*, Lord Franks recalls how the trust decided, soon after he began his 17-year stint as chairman in 1965, that it would cease to put half its income into capital grants for buildings and equipment for medical research.

He says: "Its function was not to act as a substitute for the government in providing funds for normal university building. At one blow, a considerable sum was released for use in other ways.

The trustees gained a new freedom of flexibility and choice."

Fifty years ago a trust was set up by Sir Henry Wellcome for research and the advancement of medical science. Today it is a leading medical charity



Greco-Roman statue of Asclepius, god of medicine, housed in the Wellcome Building

Lord Franks points to a second decision that was no less vital. The trustees decided it was no longer good enough simply to respond to *ad hoc* requests. He explains: "They were now prepared to take a positive line and suggest subjects for research; they would finance those qualified and willing to respond to their suggestions."

That was, he argues, "something of a revolution". It ran counter to the accepted wisdom that it was for scientists to think and propose subjects; the job of institutions like the Wellcome Trust being simply to support them.

That tradition was abandoned. Support for topics suggested by researchers remained, but the trustees added "new dimensions of policy and action. As a result there has been a stream of initiatives over the years."

When pharmaceutical companies such as the Wellcome Foundation — whose profits provide the investment from which the totally independent trust derives its income — spend money on medical research, the motivation is properly and necessarily commercial. The aim is to produce successful products.

When the Medical Research Council determines its allocations it is obliged, as an official body, to play a leading administrative role and to be "political" (in the broadest sense). The aim is to respond usefully to as many competing pressures over a wide national spectrum as it can.

The Wellcome Trust is not, however, constrained by such aims. Dr Peter Williams, the trust's director for the past 21 years, says: "We make sure we do not do a commercial job with charity's money. And we work solely as a science-based research body. Instead of

administrators, we have a staff of scientists."

Under the leadership of Dr Williams, described by Lord Franks as "a perpetual fountain of new ideas about policy", the trust thus provides a unique resource for medical research. The scientists who advise the trustees on how money should be spent are eminent in their own fields. And they keep in close contact with their colleagues in the laboratories and hospitals.

Proposals must still, of course, be carefully scrutinized and appraised by peer review and in other ways. But the trust uses the expertise of its staff and of the seven trustees — of whom five are among the most eminent medical scientists in the country — to decide what research to support.

They do so on the basis of purely scientific criteria and with no considerations in mind other than how a particular field of medical science may be advanced. This approach greatly facilitates the process of considering and making grants for research. It has an even greater value in making it possible to support areas of medicine that might otherwise lose out.

Its scientific staff are well aware of what is going on in the scientific and medical worlds. So they are able to spot under-researched fields that can benefit from the trust's help.

Another field in which it has done this is the medicine of the eye. Sufferers from high blood pressure and diabetes often suffer damage to the retina. But physicians on one side of the barrier are seldom equipped to give expert advice on incipient eye conditions, while ophthalmologists, on the other side, will tend to concentrate on their particular professional interest, with perhaps inadequate concern for the general medical aspects.

The Wellcome Trust pioneered the advertising of substantial awards to get over this problem, by finding the appropriate research workers and thereby stimulating the cross-fertilization of disciplines and ideas.

It is funding two initiatives, a £3 million programme of non-invasive studies of the brain, and another group of studies into the clinical

applications of molecular biology.

There can be few charities outside medicine, let alone within it, which so effectively enable the abstruse and theoretical to be practically applied in real life.

Yet no Nobel prizes have come the trust's way. It is not a byword for medical excellence and innovation, like many British teaching hospitals, postgraduate institutions or royal colleges. To the general public, the trust is hardly known, in contrast, say, to

Papworth Hospital, famous for its heart transplants. But Papworth's transplants would never have become possible without many kinds of pioneering work which preceded them and which the trust has helped to fund — the development of advanced equipment, studies on the relationship between the heart and the nervous system, fundamental immunological research.

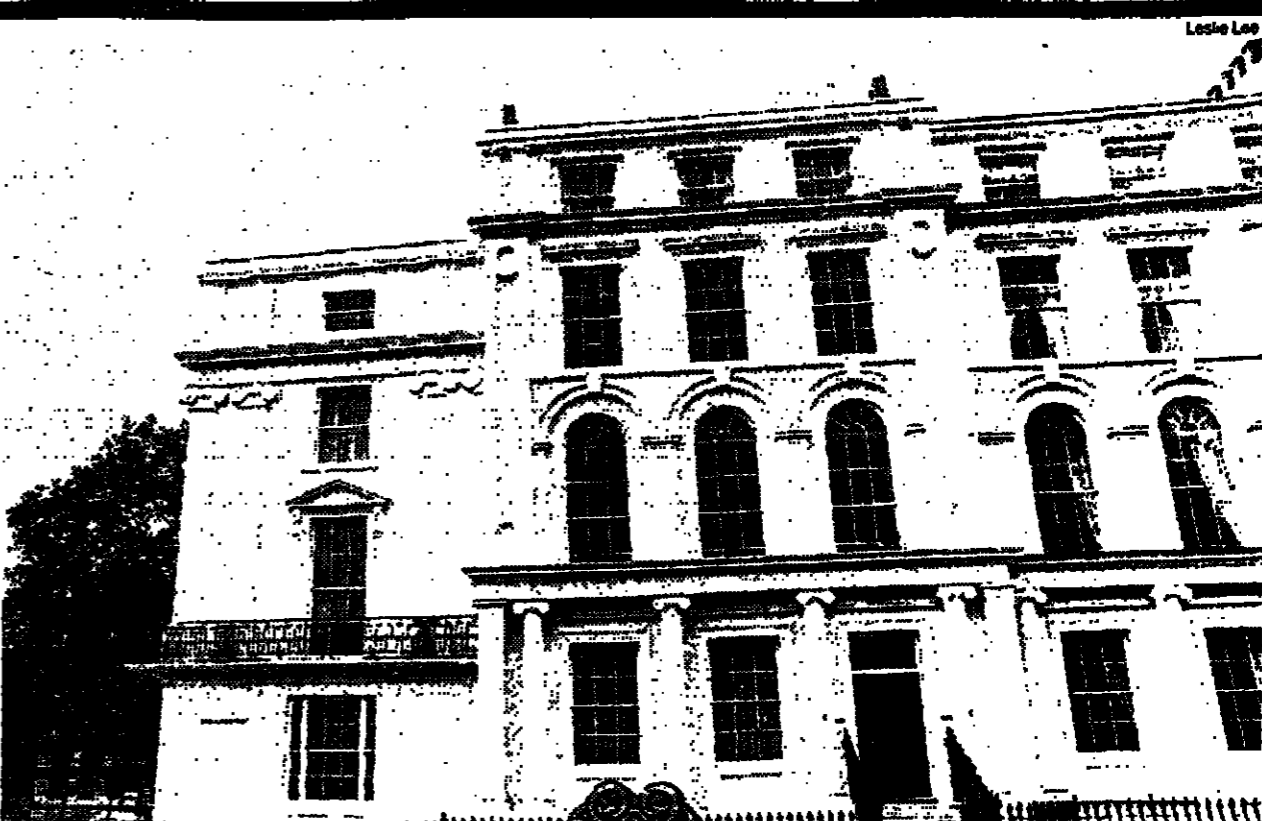
Similarly, the trust has done much to foster the science input into the study and understanding of mental health, anaesthetics and other fields. The Nobel prizes in physiology won by Sir Andrew Huxley in 1963 and Sir Bernard Katz in 1970 depended at least in part on research carried out with equipment that was paid for by the trust.

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The trust's imposing London headquarters and (left) its American-born founder, Sir Henry Wellcome, who made his fortune in the pharmaceutical industry

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In its development and marketing of products for the promotion of human and animal health, research has always been at the heart of Wellcome's activities.

Over the years, it has produced a wealth of new developments, many of them milestones in medicine across a wide variety of disciplines.

Determined that the pioneering scientific work started by his company should be continued, Sir Henry Wellcome established The Wellcome Trust.

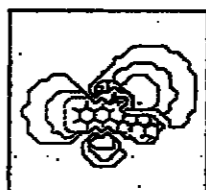
With its objective of the advancement of research in human and animal medicine, and the support of the history of medicine, The Trust is funded mainly by profits from Wellcome's commercial activities.

It supports a wide variety of research programmes, all of them unconnected with the business of Wellcome.

In today's world, as the frontiers of science are rolled back, Wellcome's research continually uncovers new territories across the broadest of fronts.



Wellcome



Computer modelling gives researchers the ability to 'synthesize' compounds on the screen.

THE WELLCOME TRUST/2

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At the beginning of this year the Wellcome Trust had only one investment: Wellcome Foundation Ltd, the pharmaceutical company built by Sir Henry Wellcome. Less than a year later it has more than 300, the company has been floated on the Stock Exchange and instead of one owner (the trust), Wellcome now has 50,000.

There were two prime reasons. If both company and trust were to continue to prosper, it was essential to allow the company to expand. And however good the investment, it is dangerous to have all investments in one company.

Ian Macgregor, the trust's deputy director in charge of finance, says it was felt that the base of the portfolio should be broadened.

But the main reason for the flotation was essentially to ensure that a legal and financial arrangement reached half a century ago could be updated so that it did not start to work against, rather than for, the interests of the parties to it.

The dilemma was this: the funds the trust used to support medical research and research into the history of medicine (grants of more than £28

Float brings new buoyancy

million in the year 1985-86) were based on distributions from the company.

"One of the problems from the company's point of view over those 50 years," says Mr Macgregor, "is that there was never any new capital coming in. We (the trust) were the only owners. We had for years not been able to add to the capital, or to introduce new monies to the company, therefore the expansion of the company had been caused by holding down the level of distributions to the trust."

In the last year before going public the distributions were only £24 million, pretty modest for a company with a capital value of more than £1.5 billion.

"The only monies that were available for expansion, for continued research, for acquisitions or any of these things had to come out of the cash the company itself generated, the cash which the trust didn't take as distributions."

Floating the company and selling off part of the trust's holding solved several problems simultaneously. As a public company Wellcome Plc

will be able, through access to the equity market, to raise money more easily; the divergence between the interests of the company and the trust will be lessened; and the trust, by spreading its investments over a much wider range of companies, will greatly lessen the chances of any financial catastrophe befalling it.

The changes gave, and are still giving, the trust's lawyers some intriguing work to do. Sir Henry's will left his trustees in ownership of the company but did not give them powers to dispose of that ownership.

"We had to approach the Charity Commissioners to obtain a 'scheme' which would enable us to override the rights given in the will," says Mr Macgregor.

The trust got an order from the commissioners which enabled it to do two things: first, to dispose of some shareholdings in Wellcome, providing it did not lose control; and second, to apply to the commissioners for specific authority each time it wished to dispose of a shareholding in the foundation.

"There has been only one

tranche and we have given undertakings in the prospectus that for at least two years there will be no more."

The sale of 21 per cent of its holding in Wellcome has put £200 million in the trust's coffers.

The four investment managers putting that money out to work have done a remarkable job in the last few months, but they are working under some rather arcane investment powers, says Mr Macgregor, and revising those will engage the lawyers for some time yet.

The investment powers, given by the courts in 1956, look quirky now - for example, they cannot invest in Japanese or German companies. Mr Macgregor says that the trust is becoming increasingly important in this country as government-funded research is curtailed. "There was a continuing contraction because of government cut-backs. We felt that if research in this country was not going to suffer even more than it is suffering we had to significantly increase our activities."

Experts in the field wonder, indeed, whether within 10 years there might not be more money available through private sources for new ideas and specific project research (as opposed to the money needed to run research units) than is coming from government.

Malcolm Brown

Headaches of Sir Henry's will

Sir Henry Wellcome's will runs to more than 40 pages and lays down two main objectives for the trustees: the advance of research work in "medicine, surgery, chemistry, physiology, bacteriology, therapeutics, materia medica, pharmacy and allied subjects, and any subject or subjects which have or at any time may develop any importance for scientific research which may conduce to the improvement of the physical conditions of mankind."

It goes on to specify what preventions and cures, control and extirpations might be thought relevant.

The other objective is the "establishment, endowment and future maintenance of a new research or library and for the purchase and acquisition of books, manuscripts, documents, pictures and other works of art and other objects."

The indefatigable Sir Henry, in the middle of these thoughts for the future, did not forget the staff, imploring them not to smoke or drink until they were 26, at least, and then only in moderation.

He also voiced the thought that they should be adequately paid for their work.

The will caused a great deal of work for the lawyers and many headaches for the early trustees, of whom Sir Henry Dale, Nobel prize winner, OM, and president of the Royal Society, became chairman in 1938. He retired in 1960 at the age of 85.

Though Dr Peter Williams has been Director of the Wellcome Trust since 1965, he joined the staff in 1960. There were five on the staff then with about £2 million to spend. For the first 24 years the trust had spent much time sorting out the will and was very much in the hands of accountants and lawyers. During the war, little could be done, and there was an alarming slump in profit in the 1940s.

Money was given out twice a year - "in great dollops," says Dr Williams - mostly to universities for much-needed laboratories. By 1960 it was

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Dr Peter Williams Director, Wellcome Trust



clear that new policies and new directions were needed.

From 1965, when Dr Williams took over as director, with a new board of trustees and Lord Franks as chairman, this process began in earnest. "We began the transfer from things to people," says Dr Williams.

The first thing to ask was who and what the trust should support. They began to award senior research fellowships, to meet and visit scientists, to get to know people, and get themselves known.

The strong inclination, says Dr Williams, was to support the universities, and with an organization which had a lot of money, with a number of trustees who were distinguished scientists and a scientifically-based staff, they began to know not only what research was being done but

what was not being done.

"We looked at certain subjects like tropical medicine, skin diseases, medical eye diseases - such as the effect of diabetes or high blood pressure on the eye - and mental health. Most of these were neglected subjects."

He pointed out that schizophrenia may be inherited, so it needed to be tied down by a geneticist and a psychiatrist; if they advertised and offered £150,000 over five years to look at the problem, something might come of it.

Later, as the universities cut down on research posts, the trust has been able, by having money uncommitted and available, to start setting up research posts, beginning with senior research fellowships and progressing to senior lectureships and lecturers on five-year contracts.

"There are now about 100 of them, forming a background of research. We pick them up at the right time and keep them until they move into university posts or elsewhere." This has led to the setting up of expert advisory panels to the trustees on all the major subjects in which they are interested, leading to a community of interest, which pleases Dr Williams.

He draws attention to "the £3 million idea" for non-invasive techniques in studying the brain as part of the trust's interest in mental health. The equipment is very expensive - £1 million for a scanner, for example. "We recognise that the size of the grant must have something to do with the cost of the equipment."

The British Empire no longer exists so research into tropical medicine, backed by the Colonial Office, no longer exists. The Wellcome Trust is setting up units in tropical countries and paying for career posts.

The brain drain, if not stopped, is staunching a little, by the offer of support for talent for which a job is not immediately available. The trust supports European interchanges - "even when the Iron Curtain was quite thick."

Even the quite small sums of money awarded in travel grants can make a big impression in broadening the horizon. In all this Dr Williams is supported by an impressive body of trustees under the chairmanship of Sir David Steel, formerly chairman of BP and a director of the Bank of England.

The deputy chairman is Dr C. E. Gordon Smith, dean at the London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine. Other members are Lord Swann, Dr Helen Mair, Sir Stanley Peart, Sir William Paton and Roger Gibbs.

Sir Henry's shade must look on with approval.

Philippa Toomey



Some medical memorabilia from Sir Henry Wellcome's collection, now in the Science Museum

Advertisement for British Foundation for Age Research. Text: "Happily, your help could make all the difference between a healthy old age and infirmity." Includes a form to request a brochure.

Advertisement for Action Research for the Crippled Child. Text: "Medical research costs us millions of pounds every year." Includes contact information for Action Research.

Large advertisement for the Wellcome Museum of the History of Medicine. Text: "Disease is ancient, and nothing about it has changed. It is we who change, as we learn to recognise what was formerly imperceptible." Includes an illustration of a historical medical scene.

Advertisement for the book "Physic and Philanthropy: A History of the Wellcome Trust 1936-1986" by A. Rupert Hall and B. A. Bembridge. Published by Cambridge University Press.

Advertisement for the University of Manchester. Text: "Generous support from the Wellcome Trust has greatly assisted the College Faculties of Medical Sciences and Clinical Sciences to achieve their high ratings for research..."

Advertisement for the University of Manchester listing research areas supported by the Wellcome Trust: Basic Dental Science, Biological Sciences, Biochemistry, History of Medicine, Medicine, Obstetrics and Gynaecology, Pharmacology, Pharmacy, Surgery.

Advertisement for Manpower plc. Text: "Just as they did, give us a call and We'll come." Lists services provided by Manpower.

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THE WELLCOME TRUST/3

Publicity genius, lonely enigma



Sir Henry Wellcome, founder of the fortune that provided the Wellcome Trust, was born not quite in a log cabin, but on a pioneer farm in Wisconsin in 1853.



Pioneer of medicine Henry Wellcome, right, and friend posing with antlered prize in the forests of Maine, New England, a century ago. Wellcome was a dedicated collector, on a scale rivalling that of William Randolph Hearst

It was perhaps prophetic, in that practicality and philanthropy continued to be his main line of business, and his own personal passion.

Studying forests in South America

made his reputation as a travelling salesman at \$16 a week.

His work took him to South America, where he studied the chinchona forests (used in the preparation of quinine) and published his results in America, and in the Pharmaceutical Journal of Great Britain.

Soon afterwards he went into business for himself with Silas Burroughs, a former college friend, and the firm of Burroughs Wellcome was established in 1880.

As Helen Turner says, in her excellent, short biography of Henry Wellcome, the firm was started "in the right place at the right time by two men fully-equipped to seize their opportunity."

Henry Wellcome invented the word "tabloid" in 1884, to cover the compressed, regu-

lated dose which was also portable and did not need to be taken with a spoon from a bottle.

His genius for publicity ensured that every explorer, such as H. M. Stanley, or person in the public eye (ranging from kings to presidents) was presented with a "tabloid" medicine chest.

When Burroughs died of pleurisy in 1895, Henry Wellcome was sole owner of an international business, which continued to expand and flourish.

Sir Henry became a British subject in 1910 and was knighted in 1932. The 1936 edition of Who's Who, the year he died, runs to more than a column, listing his achievements, but few personal details. The Times obituary described him as a "quiet, reticent and almost shy man, slightly above middle height... alert and quickly brightening up when he became interested in some topic of conversation."

In 1901, at the age of 48, he married the beautiful, 21-year-old Gwendoline Syrie Barnardo, daughter of Dr Barnardo, who was famous for his social work.

A son was born in 1903, but the marriage broke up in 1909 and a divorce came through six years later. Wellcome and his wife never met again.

She went on to marry

Somerset Maugham, and after that marriage failed, to be a successful interior decorator. Their son, who has never taken any part in the business, is still alive.

Sir Henry Dale, who knew Wellcome as well as anyone could, said of him: "When, a young man, I entered his Physiological Research Laboratories, he told me, in what I came to regard as the frankest and most revealing talk I ever

His funds went on medical research

had with him, that he chose to spend his wealth in supporting research, as another man might choose to spend his on a racing stable.

"He made it clear that research, giving results which could be applied in increasing the prosperity of his business, would have an added claim on his appreciation, but only as giving him eventually a yet wider opportunity to support research.

"I believe that to have been a perfectly sincere statement of his attitude, and his whole subsequent career has justified it."

Sir Henry was also interested in the idea of a museum of the history of medicine, although he saw it as a history of mankind.

He collected everything -

paintings, books and advertisements - employing agents who scanned catalogues and reported to him personally before the decisions to buy were made. The scale of his purchases is reminiscent of the collections of William Randolph Hearst in the United States, and in this country, of Sir William Burrell.

Like Burrell, Wellcome had a great eye for a bargain, and money was carefully spent, sometimes in junk shops - 8s 6d for a pair of 18th-century handcuffs used on lunatics, for example.

Henry Wellcome travelled widely, and his arrival in the Sudan after it had been captured by General Gordon led to the foundation of his Tropical Research Laborator-

ies - with a research boat which cruised the Nile and its tributaries in the Sudan.

He also founded research laboratories in the Panama Canal, and set up hospitals and medical services in Uganda.

His interests included two archaeological explorations, at Jebel Moya in the Sudan, and at Lachish, near Jerusalem.

It was an extraordinary, vigorous, successful life, and yet, as Sir Henry Dale said, "Sir Henry Wellcome, for a man of such wide and generous interests and activities, was curiously lonely, and it may be doubted whether anyone knew him with sufficient intimacy to do more than speculate as to his real feelings and motives".



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Funding the war against tropical disease



Of the many vital fields of medical research on which the Wellcome Trust has had a big impact, none ranks higher in importance than tropical medicine and infectious diseases. These received special emphasis in Sir Henry Wellcome's will.

The trust devotes £5 million annually to funding research on them, in Britain and overseas, and to teaching. It is the only field in which the trust plays a teaching role. This stems from the existence of Wellcome's celebrated museum of tropical medicine. The museum could be regarded, says Dr Peter Williams, the trust's director, as an attractive "textbook on the wall" for young doctors and nurses. Its value has been enhanced in recent years by the Wellcome Tropical Institute, which was established to provide, supervise and evaluate resources for teaching tropical medicine.

But it is in its support for research, rather than teaching, that the trust does its most notable work. It is financing several projects of particular value.

At Balem, in Brazil, at the mouth of the Amazon, two British biologists, Dr Ralph Lainson and Dr Geoffrey Shaw, are conducting pioneering studies of the disease espundia, in which ulcerative lesions destroy the tissues of the nose, mouth, throat, eyes and ears and even the underlying bone.

It has long been known that the disease arises from a parasite which is carried to its victims by the sandfly, but when studies began the precise mechanisms of this were only barely understood.

Thanks to fieldwork throughout the huge Amazon region, which the trust has funded, the particular varieties of parasite and sandfly involved have been identified.

In Jamaica, Dr and Mrs Michael Golden have conducted research for the past decade, under the aegis of the trust, which has greatly advanced understanding of the deficiency disease, kwashiorkor. This leads to severe malnutrition, especially in children.

The Goldenes have established that the condition may be due not to insufficient protein, as widely thought, but to other aspects of the malnourished body's metabolism such as the absence of trace elements.

Such research has considerable implications for feeding programmes and how the money raised or provided for these by charities and governments is spent.

It is noteworthy that this unit's research is being carried out in association with the Rowett Research Institute of Aberdeen. As Dr Williams points out, the Wellcome Trust readily co-operates with other bodies when that is appropriate.

At Nairobi and the coastal town of Kilifi, in Kenya, the trust funds a unit, operating under the auspices of the Kenya Medical Research Institute, which carries out studies in a variety of important fields. These include the resistance of malaria to treatment by drugs as well as work on other vicious tropical diseases.

The trust's research unit at Vellore, India, is investigating the debilitating diarrhoeal disease sprue, and similar conditions. As yet, the cause of sprue has not been determined, but the wholly Indian research team has developed an effective treatment.

Saekelites, rabies and cerebral malaria, all potentially fatal conditions, are under study at the trust's unit in Bangkok, led by Dr David Worrall in collaboration with the Oxford tropical research pro-

gramme. One major finding has been that a widely accepted form of treatment for cerebral malaria, the administration of steroid drugs, is a mistaken therapy.

All the studies at Bangkok are linked with academic research in Britain — at Oxford University, the

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Rowett Institute and the London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine — in such a way, Dr Williams points out, that basic science is applied to medical need.

Such work must have an underpinning structure of fellowships, lectureships and awards. The trust funds advanced training fellowships in tropical medicine and infectious diseases, designed to enable young,

promising scientists to extend their post-doctoral training by two years in any laboratory which offers opportunities in their special fields. It also finances senior lectureships for basic and clinical scientists, as well as lectureships for full-time research in tropical countries.

Britain once led the world in tropical medicine, and much of that legacy remains. Nevertheless, the extent of British research in this area has declined, and the trust has been active in enlisting the support of such institutions as the Commonwealth Secretariat and the World Health Organization to enable research to continue.

"It is not a question of giving them all the money they need for specific projects," says Dr Williams. "It is more a matter of providing the start-up money, creating the initiative, getting the ball rolling."

Dr Williams has chaired key WHO committees in this area. Together with his deputy, Dr Bridget Ogilvie, a parasitologist by training, he and the trust have played a notable role in stimulating others to make their own contribution to the understanding, and perhaps eventually the conquest, of tropical disease.



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"Progress in science," says Professor Sydney Brenner, of Cambridge University, "depends on new techniques, new discoveries and new ideas, probably in that order."

As often as not, it is the new tools and technologies rather than new thoughts which enable the major advances to be made.

That is certainly true in medical science, and the Wellcome Trust has consis-

The tools for scientific advance

tently acknowledged this. One of its earliest decisions after World War II, was to put money into new tools.

This was to lead to what has been called "the great breakthrough in cell biology — a massive invasion of the sub-cellular world".

Wellcome Trust grants have

been awarded most notably for X-ray crystallography equipment, electron microscopes, ultracentrifuges and nuclear magnetic resonance machines.

X-ray crystallography is a key to the study of the structure of proteins in the human body. As early as 1957,

Professor J. D. Bernal was awarded £1,000 for a precision X-ray camera for investigations on virus structure.

In 1962, a grant of £70,000 was given to assist the Medical Research Council to set up its molecular-biology research unit at Cambridge for studies in such fields as genetics, protein chemistry and electron microscopy. These and similar awards have played a big part in applying X-ray crystallography to biological problems.

The electron microscope, costing £100,000 or so, is vital to biological research because of its very high resolving power. That enables the closest study of the body at the cellular level — of muscle, nerves, skin and every other kind of human tissue, whether healthy or diseased.

The use of a Wellcome-funded ultracentrifuge to split cells into their constituents has made it possible to elucidate the structure of antibodies. The technique of nuclear magnetic resonance, too, helps to determine structure and to obtain such

Equipment in huge demand

information as the nature of biochemical processes as they actually occur in undisturbed tissues.

Though the trust has made few awards for equipment used in nuclear magnetic resonance, these have been particularly significant. The equipment makes it possible to examine the behaviour of the molecules that constitute living tissue.

In 1985, the trust advertised that it had £1.5 million available for major equipment during the year. The trust's director, Dr Peter Williams, says: "We were fools; that sum was a trifle by the price standards of modern equipment."

Applications to a value of £11.5 million were quickly received, and the trust eventually decided to double its equipment allocation for the year.

"What we discovered through our silly ad," Dr Williams said, "is that the demand for research equipment is enormous, and that the system cannot keep up with it at present."

Molecular biology, in particular, now central to much of the advance in medical science, requires the use of expensive technology. Not only is the equipment itself needed, so are the trained staff who use it, and who train future users. And if there is

not to be a disastrous loss of morale among researchers, and yet more highly-skilled and qualified scientists lost to the brain drain, there must be an assured career structure.

All this is taken into account by the Wellcome Trust. "We see it as a necessity to make career funding a major part of our support," Dr Williams explained. "It is pointless to train someone in an elaborate way unless there is career security."

"The private sector cannot displace the State. There is still a crucial role for government centrally because the private sector's money is too ephemeral and in too many hands to finance major new institutions.

"It needs to be made very clear that though the balance

has changed, it is very important that the government mechanism focuses on seeing that its role is still strong and that it does not assume charities will take over."

That said, it is notorious that the government's own agency, the Medical Research Council, feels threatened by loss of money, prestige and position. In contrast, the Wellcome Trust has flexibility, while not being obliged to maintain major institutions.

The trust emphasises that it is still eager to examine and fund new ideas. "The trustees invite the research community to put proposals to it, even though they may not fit into the current categories of support."

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- the nature and mechanism of the transport of iron in human blood
- the hormones responsible for the function of the gall bladder
- the understanding of nephritis and its treatment by plasma exchange
- the cells responsible for inflammation in skin diseases such as contact dermatitis.

The RPMS recently celebrated its own 50th Anniversary, and the School's Jubilee Appeal has aimed to raise funds to support medical research in these and other areas. For further information about the School and Jubilee Appeal please contact John Williams at our Jubilee Appeal Office, RPMS, Du Cane Road, London W12 0HS (01-740 3245).

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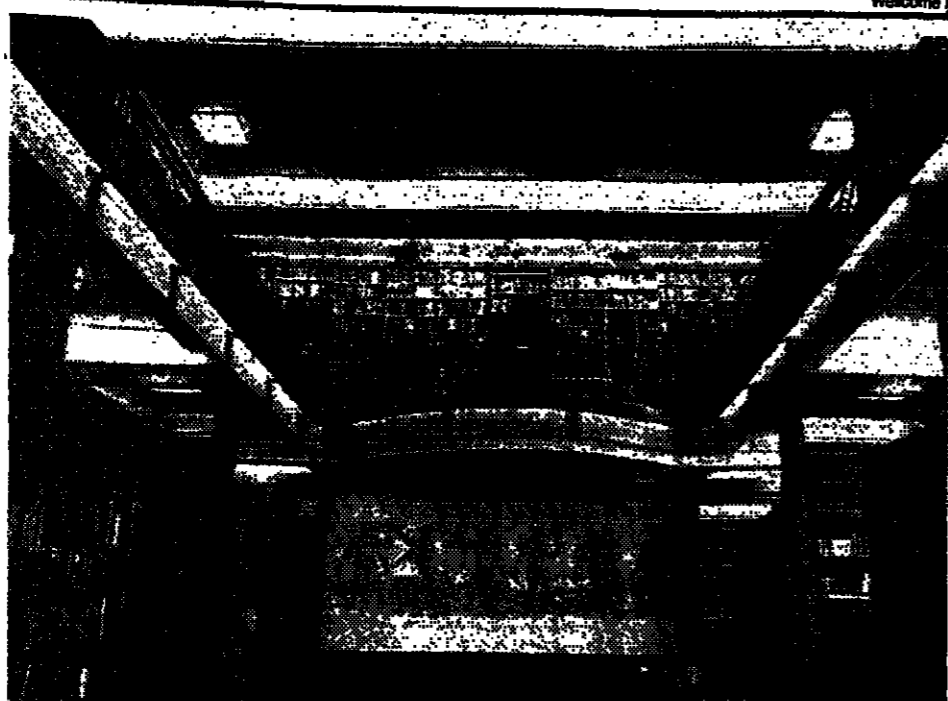
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The institute's library, above, and from it, a 16th-century woodcut, left, from Andreas Vesalius, and right, "Saint Elizabeth visiting a hospital" by Adam Elsheimer, c. 1598

The great collection that nearly vanished



The history of medicine, says Dr William Bynum, head of the Academic Unit of the Wellcome Institute for the History of Medicine, is a subject which is taken much more seriously now by historians. Health and disease are seen to touch everything: diet and clothing, living conditions, poverty and social conditions, war and peace.

The unit provides courses for undergraduate and postgraduate students in association with University College London and programmes of seminars and symposia for the medical community.

There are seven academics, and with the part-timers and the specialist librarians and staff, it is one of the biggest academic centres in the world for this particular discipline.

In the 1960s the trust founded several units - in Oxford, Cambridge, Glasgow, and most recently, Manchester - for the study, in the hope that, as with University College, the University would

take them on. The hopes faded through the hungry 1970s, as the units continue to be funded by the Wellcome Trust.

The academic staff also publishes research, and in due course hopes to write a general systematic history of its subject from Egypt to the 20th century. One would need a certain amount of hubris to attempt this personally, says Dr Bynum, "but we have sufficient collective hubris to do it together" taking in the Sanscrit manuscripts, for example, on the way.

The great glory of the Institute for the History of Medicine is, of course, the

He bought three private libraries

library. Sir Henry collected books between 1898 and 1936, and one of his ambitions was to acquire a copy of every book printed on the history of medicine.

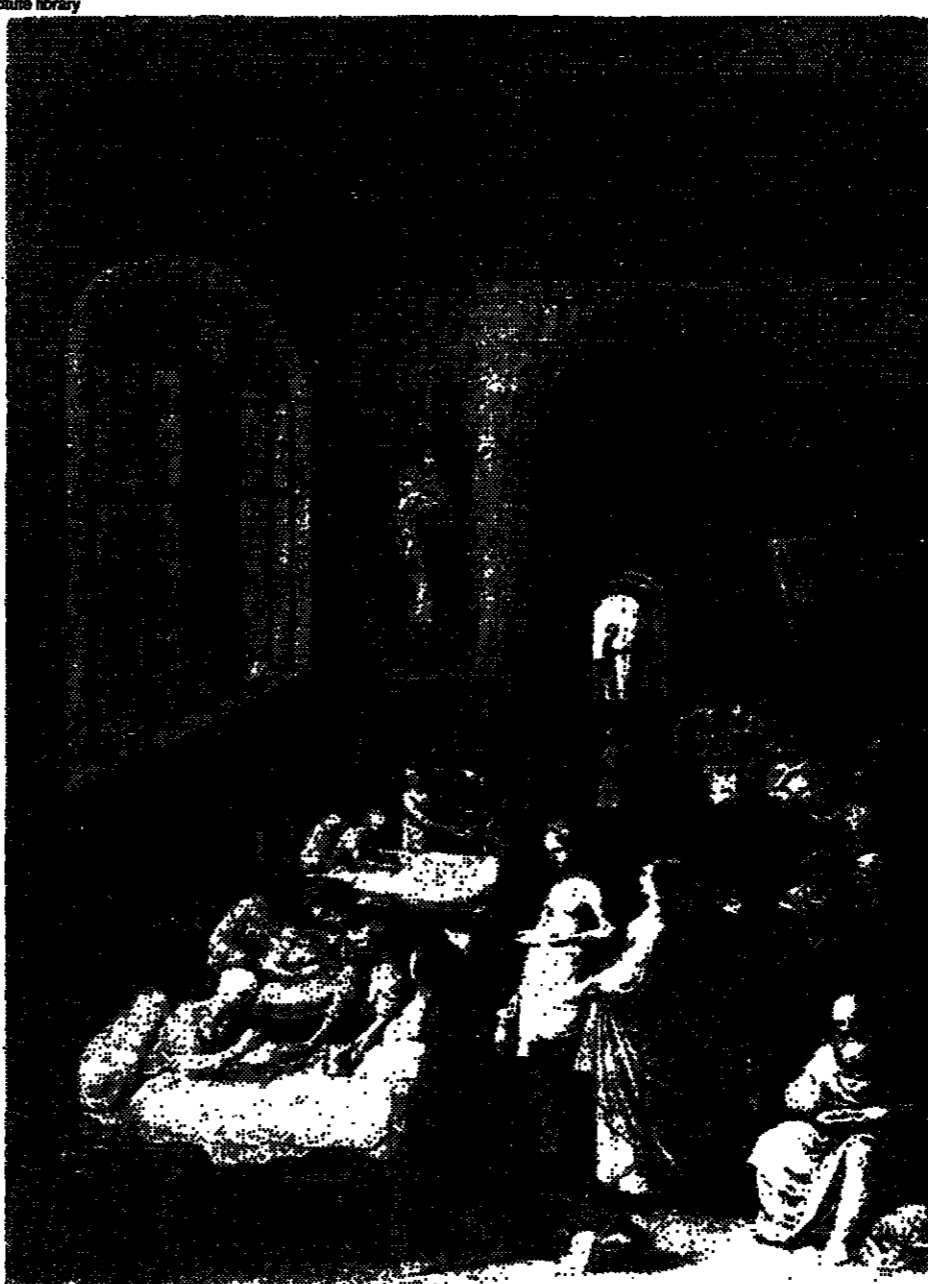
He came quite close to his aim, buying the private libraries of William Morris, J. F. Payne, and Kurt Wolff. The library owns books by most of

the great names from antiquity to the Renaissance, mostly in original or early editions. Later purchases include 11,000 books from the library of the Medical Society of London, and there are separate collections that include western manuscripts, the American Collection (with particular emphasis on Spanish America), Oriental books and manuscripts.

In 1979 a Contemporary Archives Centre was set up to encourage the preservation of records; the library holds the papers of, among others, Sir Ernest Chain, Dr Marie Stopes, and the records of the Eugenic Society and the Multiple Sclerosis Society. Three shelves hold a month's supply of new books - from *Plague Ecotoxicology* to *Royal Kew* and *Madeleine Masson's* picture history of nursing.

The current series of lectures dwells rather lingeringly on the Plague, (seven, ranging from Justinian to the Renaissance.

All libraries have the problem of expansion, and when eventually the institute takes over the whole building when the Wellcome Foundation moves to other premises, an



arrangement has been made with the BMA and the Royal Society of Medicine to take its historical books, leaving the two libraries to concentrate on contemporary medicine.

By that time, Sir Henry's ambition of possessing one copy of every book on the subject might well be fulfilled. What is at the moment on display in the museum is a small but fascinating exhibition, *A Vision of History*.

The museum contains a rationalization of the extraordinary quantity of material collected by Sir Henry, some of which - the late 19th-century and early 20th-century photographs, for example

- are still in the process of being catalogued. Twenty years ago, Dr Bynum thinks,

Bronze of Jenner vaccinating a child

such material might well have been thrown away.

The museum has had a chequered career, spending much of its time in store, or in packing cases. In 1955 there was a very restricted display in the Wellcome Building (now the Institute) at 183 Euston Road, London, and much material, not strictly concerned with the History of Medicine, was despatched in

1977 to the Science Museum on permanent loan.

What remains is connected with the subject, however tenuously, from the life-size bronze of Jenner vaccinating an infant which is strongly resisting the process (Sir Henry bought all the Jenner memorabilia for £500) to artefacts, some of which, particularly the surgical instruments, bring shudders to 20th-century flesh. Sir Henry also collected medical paintings and statuary with the same enthusiasm.

The exhibition is open, Mondays to Fridays, 9.45 am to 5.45 am, until April 10, 1987. PT

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A trust secret

To a medical man or a scientist, there is no such thing as a "breakthrough". To the Wellcome Trust, milestone discoveries or the heady promise of a Nobel Prize are really not what it is about.

Dr Peter Williams says: "The real point is that through the years the trust has made peaks of research happen in a political scene that's not really helping research."

In the early 1950s when, for the first time, the trust had substantial sums at its disposal, rather than build and run its own units, throughout the 1950s and 1960s it had a series of programmes to build, extend and re-equip other institutions' laboratories. Between 1956 and 1958,

this kind of grant accounted for 69 per cent of the trust's expenditure. With the University expansion of the 1960s, the University Grants Committee for once had enough funds to take over. The trust switched its emphasis to supplying electron microscopes. With the capacity to magnify image details up to 150,000 times, they represented a valuable new tool, and 10 were provided to various organizations.

Today, the trust's links with this type of grant have disappeared. This has freed it to concentrate on other areas

where academic research has needed a helping hand - for example the years spent in gaining practical surgical experience leave little time for original research.

The trust was to contribute to the country's first Chair of Surgery at the University of Cambridge, held by Roy Calne of transplant fame. Dr Williams says: "We only helped to fund the post; the university chose the man."

There always has been an awareness of individual needs. Travel grants, for instance, have been going for 30 years. "It's small money, but probably more important than paying for a big laboratory," says Dr Williams.

Large-scale generosity is on offer through competitive Fellowships. These allow promising young doctors to sidestep the career system for five years, to pursue research with minimal clinical commitments.

John Kanis, now reader in Human Metabolism and Clinical Biochemistry at the University of Sheffield, received his Fellowship in 1976

while at the University of Oxford. His own interest in metabolic bone disease is not, as yet, a speciality in its own right. He says: "Around four million women in the UK have significant bone disease - mainly osteoporosis following the menopause, but also Paget's Disease affecting the bone, and cancer affecting the skeleton."

"But though some of these conditions are amenable to treatment, resources are generally inadequate."

"Right now, if you really want to study bone disease, you go to the United States or Australia, or into the pharmaceutical industry."

To do this, of course, requires political nous, influential contacts - and a lot of patience. Last month's meeting of Commonwealth officials had on the agenda a plan to recruit doctors to help their fellows in member countries develop their research skills. The secret of the esteem in which others hold the trust is simple. It does not require a magic wand. Just 50 years of experience in prodding the system and seeing what happens.

Deanna Wilson

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The big match: Football v Mrs Thatcher



Neil Macfarlane (left) was Minister for Sport for four turbulent years, a period of football hooliganism, diplomatic intrigue, Olympic boycott, and mounting dissension between the Government and the people who run sport. In the first of three extracts from his book*, he writes of the conflict between the Football Association and the Government



Crocker: 'sharp exchange after which we never really got on very well'



Bulldog Bobby: 'epitomized everything that was bad about English hooligans'



Millichip: showed a 'dull resignation' towards the hooligan problem

In May 1985 there was the most shameful, sickening event in the history of English football. Thirty-eight people died and more than 400 were injured when a wall collapsed inside the Hysel Stadium, Brussels, as rampaging English hooligans raged Italian supporters before the European Cup Final between Liverpool and Juventus.

Europe, isolated from the rest of us, and interested in only one thing - how to get more and more money. Before the Brussels final, I asked UEFA for assurance that its own rules and the provision of Council of Europe recommendations on spectator violence would be vigorously implemented.

bad about English hooligans. It was frightful and I told them so. Crocker and I had a sharp exchange because he thought I should not have been critical and from that moment we never really got on very well.

decision taken by the FA English Committee ... I should tell you that I have made my feelings very plain in a telephone conversation with Bert Millichip this morning.

the Home Secretary of the day. Suddenly, football's leaders were round the table with the Prime Minister and her ministers and my feeling was that Millichip and Co. did not know what they were trying to achieve or what they really wanted to get out of the meeting.

many League clubs. But even she was amazed when I informed her that, after persuasive arguments by Dunnett, the Football Grounds Improvement Trust had distributed an unspent reserve of £3.3 million to clubs on new work but on existing grants. The FGIT had increased the amount it already had given in grant aid to clubs from 75 per cent to 100 per cent.

BASEBALL

The driving force of a golfing wife

New York (Agencies) - Ray Knight, who was unwanted by the New York Mets in the spring, was named most valuable player as his team took the World Series on Monday night.



Knight to remember: the New York Mets' veteran hero celebrates after hitting the home run Boston's left-hander, Bruce Hurst. 'He's an outstanding pitcher,' Knight said of Hurst, who clinched the first and fifth games of the Series. By the seventh inning, Hurst was gone, and hard-throwing Calvin Schiraldi took over for Boston.

RUGBY LEAGUE

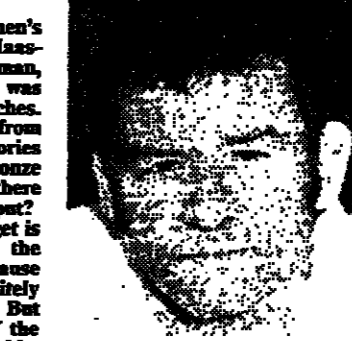
Halifax face a drubbing

The most disturbing factor about the Australians' unbeaten run is the apparently effortless manner in which all opposition is being swept aside.

JUDO

How Inman's women caught the others on the hop

At the close of the women's world championship in Manchester on Sunday, Roy Inman, the British team manager, was besieged by the world's coaches.



Inman: shows way forward could do. It took me 18 months to realize how wrong I was.

score in the last second of the final. Inman has produced at least one gold medal winner at each world championship since the event began in 1980, yet he insists that Britain has no copyright on natural talent, only that 'Women are prepared to work much harder than the men if they believe in what you tell them to do.'

YOUNGSTERS

Youngsters ready to tackle Danish supremacy

Although 1986 was the year of the great Dane, it was not without compensatory signposts for Britain. The season began disastrously, with inevitable defeat in the international series against Denmark, but in the end there was something to boast for the roads in three areas.

SPEEDWAY

Keith Macklin

by injuries and work permit restrictions. To give further hope of an overdue revival, the National League produced a host of good, young riders who are changing at the bit, and ready to tilt against the Dane, the Americans and their supposed betters in the British League.

FOOTBALL

Stride goes to Hillsborough

The Aston Villa secretary, Steve Stride, announced yesterday that he will be leaving the club on November 21 to become the new secretary of Sheffield Wednesday.

MOTOR RALLYING

Britons relegated to second place

Delhi (Reuters) - Herwig Nielsen of Belgium was declared winner of the seventh Himalayan Rally yesterday after a row over time penalties pushed Geoff Warkup of Britain into second place.

England post-war captain gives his judgement on the creeping sterility of stereotype play in Rugby Union

Mycock mourns power passing to coaches

Nestling between the boxing and weekend fishing guide of December 6, 1957, in the Manchester Evening News, was the familiar headline: "Let's end this negative play," advice to rugby footballers from Joe Mycock, the former Sale, Lancashire and England captain.



At home in North Wales: Joe Mycock still keeps a loving eye, and has strong views, on the game of his youth

CRICKET

Upsets on bumpy trip to Wudinna

Wudinna, South Australia — If first impressions are any guide England's players could be in for a bumpy ride against South Australia Country today. The 40-minute journey to Wudinna, which is a little village about 300 miles from Adelaide, proved distinctly uncomfortable.

wheat and sheep farming area, is ready to make the most of England's visit. Crowd estimates vary from 2,000 to 5,000 with people expected to travel in from a 70-mile radius. How many attend will probably depend on the speed at which bad news travels in these parts. For a home everyone wants to see — honorary Australian, Ian Botham — is not playing. He is rested for his 50-overs a side game and will use the time to make a television commercial in Sydney.



Trevor Jesty, of Surrey, in London yesterday with the Cricketer/Honeywell trophy for the team achieving the best batting rate in last season's Britannic Assurance county championship matches.

Both will have fitness tests when the Irish squad assemble in Dublin tomorrow. The selectors may summon Morrow, the Ulster No 8, and Irwin, the Ulster captain, to Dublin as a precautionary measure. Morrow was not originally considered because of a shoulder injury. But he proved his fitness in a Bass Boston Cup match last Wednesday and when Matthew side on Saturday that beat Munster. Morrow was named No 8. He is equally at home on the flank and was the outstanding forward in Cork. With no recognized centre in the replacement panel, it would be more satisfactory to include Irwin if Kieran withdraws than make positional changes.

Injuries worry for Irish

Question marks hang over Michael Kiernan and Phillip Matthews for Saturday's international against Romania at Lansdowne Road. Kiernan has a thigh injury and Matthews is unhappy with the response to treatment on an Achilles tendon injury. Both will have fitness tests when the Irish squad assemble in Dublin tomorrow.

Bishop's ban extends to cover football

David Bishop, the banned England and Welsh international scrum half, will not be allowed to play football in Wales while he is serving his suspension from Rugby Union. Bishop's application to play football in the Cardiff combination league has not been accepted by the Welsh Football Association and he will not be eligible to play for any Welsh team until further notice.

Wasps come out of the cold to seek sun with England

Rob Lozowski, capped by England against Australia in 1984 and then dropped after a promising first outing, has been added to the England squad which leaves tomorrow for a four-day training camp in Portugal. He will be joined by Colin Pinnegar, his club colleague from Wasps, and Richard Moon, the Nottingham scrum half.

Delayed-action Eidman

Ian Eidman, the Cardiff tight-head prop with 13 caps for Wales, will be out of action for six weeks after breaking two bones in a single game during last Saturday's game against Harlequins. Eidman left the field during play but the injury was not diagnosed until Monday because it was thought initially that it involved ligaments.

Four new players for Kent

Keat, beaten finalists in last season's county championship, sponsored by Thom EMI, introduce four new players against Middlesex at the Stoop Memorial ground this afternoon, among them Richard Langhorne, the Harlequins lock, who performed well for his club against Robert Norster at Cardiff last weekend.

Threat of cup boycott is receding

Wellington (AFP) — Representatives of the 16 nations who will play in the first Rugby Union World Cup next year confirmed their tour of facilities in New Zealand yesterday, confident the tournament would not be threatened by any rebel tour of South Africa.

Marathon runners in row over sponsors

Those who said that the advent of open prize money would ruin athletics will sit back and nod sleepily at the problems encountered by the two big autumn marathons here in the United States. It transpired after the Chicago race last Sunday that Ingrid Kristiansen almost did not run the America's Cup Marathon there over an argument which also involves Rob de Castella, who is favourite for this Sunday's New York Marathon.

Macaskill puts his all-round skill on display

Ian Macaskill, a strapping second row forward who plays second division rugby union in Edinburgh, may change his mind about which sport he regards his forte after his golfing exploits in the Bahamas.

Budd does not need operation

Zola Budd is up and running again and at this stage does not need an operation for a hip injury. This was the verdict yesterday of Prof. Robert Clifters, the orthopaedic department at the National Hospital in the runner's home town of Bloemfontein.

Stalwart captain

Mike Watkins, the captain of Newport for a fourth successive year, a post-war record for the club, will make his 200th appearance for the Welsh rugby side tonight against Ebbw Vale at Rodney Parade, Watkins, aged 34, the former Welsh international captain and hooker, made his debut for Newport in October, 1981. He took over the captaincy in the 1983-84 season.

Tour jackpot

Mark McNulty's victory in the Portuguese Open golf tournament established another record in the final Epsom Order of Merit. It sent McNulty's winnings up to £101,327.38 and meant that the top six players in the event all had more than £100,000 for the first time in tour history.

GOLF

Macaskill, an eight handicap amateur, clinched five of the nine birdies which helped Duddingstone move to three strokes behind Sunridge Park after two rounds of the Hennessy Cognac national championship. "Ian was quite fantastic," said Jim Farmer, his partner and the former FGA club professional champion as they closed on Bob Cameron and Bill Millar, the Sunridge Park pairing.

RESULTS: Hennessy Cognac national

1. Ian Macaskill, 71, 64, 132; 2. Jim Farmer, 71, 64, 132; 3. Bob Cameron, 71, 64, 132; 4. Bill Millar, 71, 64, 132; 5. John Smith, 71, 64, 132; 6. Peter Jones, 71, 64, 132.

EQUESTRIANISM

Landover, Maryland (Reuter) — The German-bred Aga Kahn, ridden by Norman Dello Joio, of America, defeated Playboy with a time of 35.70 seconds to 36.09 to win the International Open Jumper contest at the Washington International Horse Show.

When last was first

Rodney Jenkins, was the other. Nine entries finished in a tie for fourth place with four faults, including Raffles Apollo, ridden by Nick Skelton of Britain and Towerlands Anglezarke, ridden by Skelton's British team-mate, Malcolm Fryar. Former of Canada, with Alexa Bell in the saddle, also tied for fourth.

Boxing

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